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AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian and Syrian governments Sunday signed the minutes of meetings of the Joint Jordanian-Syrian Economic Committee which concluded in Amman earlier in the day. The documents were signed on the Jordanian side by Industry and Trade Minister Rima Khalaf and on the Syrian side by Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade Mohammad A! Imadi (see page 3).Ms. Khalaf told reporters following the signing ceremony that the agreement between the two countries is considered the first step towards tackling the imbalance in trade between the two countries.

Ms. Khalaf stressed that the committee's meetings dealt with some problems impeding the flow of Jordanian commodities to the Syrian market. The two countries, she said, have agreed to the need of revising lists of exchanged commodities. "We tackled at the committee's meetings issues relating to transport... and hanking arrangements," said Ms. Khalaf adding that the two sides have agreed to set up experts comminee to prepare a luture work plan for Jordanian-Syrian economic cooperation. This plan will be later endorsed by the ioint ministerial economic committee, she said.

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NORTHERN TROOPS loyal to Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh were reportedly closing in on the southern stronghold of Aden in a threepronged assault on Sunday.

In anticipation of assault, southern Yemeni officials have Carted to arm civilians to bolster Aden's defences as their troops battled to try to block northern forces deployed on at least four fronts.

"If they (northerners) do not achieve a breakthrough in the d to remove me the other passess Duboulay said. The next 43 hours they could lose this war because they have pushed in with all their forces," said a southern Yemeni colonel at a southern army checkpoint 65 kilometres north of Aden.

. He said arms were being handed out to residents to increase Aden's defences against the northern forces waging a 12-day-old civil war to topple rival leaders based in the city.

He added: "We have given all onr civilians arms and ammunition, and they are able mountain fighters who were known as the Red Wolves" during the war against British rule which ended in 1967 with the emergence of the Marxist state of South Yemen.

An American oil expert in Aden said that for the past four days the army had been giving civilians an AK-47 assault rifle and four ammunition clips

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On the diplomatic front, an Arab League delegation in Sanaa since Thursday has so

between the rival leaders of Yemen, a country unified just four years ago.

The delegation met Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani, member of the collective presidency, who said Sanaa would agree to a ceasefire only if vice-President Ali Salem Al Beidh surrendered to go on trial as a war criminal.

Although the south has appealed for the Arah League to stop the fighting, northern leaders have ruled out any foreign intervention.

The conservative North and formerly Marxist South Yemen united in May 1990 after drawn-out hargaining, but a simmmering feud between Mr. Saleh and Beidh 'erupted into full-scale war on May 5."

In the latest evacuations, 500 people arrived in Djibouti by sea on Chinese and Russian vessels, including 356 Chinese workers who were to be repatriated by air on Monday. A group of 185 Egyptians flew to Cairo from Sanaa,

A northern military spokesman, Colonel Ali Al Jaifi, said his Al Amaliqa Brigade bad broken through southern defences in the Abyan region, east of Aden.

An independent source in. the south confirmed that heavy artillery shelling 30 kilometres from Aden blocked the road to the eastern town of Zinjibar.
However, the south had

All the other posidons have

been evacuated since Monday

night, leaving the new Palesti-

nian police force in charge of

all but the Jewish settlements

An army spokesman said

1,324 members of the force.

had entered the strip from

Egypt and 300 more from Jor-

dan since Tuesday night. Another 426 Palestinian

policemen have arrived in

Jericho to maintain order,

their commander General Hajj

A total of 7,000 police are

due to enter the autonomous enclaves and join 2,000 locally-

recruited officers in the new

After 27 years of occupation

the army is redeploying around

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An artillery battle also raged on the northern front. Mr. Saleh's troops pushed forward three kilometres toward the key southern military base of Al Anad, an officer at the hase acknowledged.

He said the northern forces were about 30 kilometres short of the base.

Our army is fighting a defensive war. The northern army has taken the initiative in the conflict and is advancing on several froms, but they haven't made a decisive breakthrough," he said.

Al Anad, stretching over several square kilometres. serves as "the (southern) joint command centre for all the military fronts," said the offic-

Some 20,000 southern troops are based in the camp, he said. Al Anad is also a major air force base.

Outside the mountain base, 60 kilometres from the city, the south has deployed antiaircraft defence, multi-missile launchers, and Russian-made tanks and troops carriers.

With the net closing on the port city, fighting was also under way on the third front at Kharaz, near the Bah Al Mandeb, a gateway to the Red Sea, as northern troops tried to approach Aden from the coast.

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headquarters, soldiers riposted

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However, according to doctors at Khan Yunis hospital,

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But in Aden itself, although cut off from the world apart from by sea, the situation was still calm, a correspondent said. The city is sheltering refugees from the fronts.



Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor on Sunday receive Singaporean Prime Minister

Lee Kwan Yew and his wife (Petra photo)

King and Queen meet Lee

AMMAN (Petra) - Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor on Sunday received at Al Nadwa Palace visiting Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Kwan Yew, his wife and an accompanying delegation.

King Hussein and Mr. Lee exchanged views on various regional and international issues as well as bilateral relations and means of enhancing them, particularly in economic fields.

King Hussein and Queen Noor hosted a lunch in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Lee and the accompanying delega-

The hangnet was attended by Their Royal Highnesses Prince Abdullah Ben Al Hussein and Princess Rania, Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali, Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, the King's Political Adviser Marwan Al Qassem and the wives of Jordanian officials attending the meeting.

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House amends law on investment corporation AMMAN (Petra) — The Lower House of Parliament met on to retired civil servants and

Sunday under the chair-manship Speaker Taher Al Masri and in the presence of Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali and Cabinet members.

At the outset of the meeting, the House referred to its law committee the 1982 tenants and landlords draft law returned to it by the Upper House of Parliament (Senate) after introducing several amendments

The House approved an amendment to the Jordanian Investment Corporation law after a thorough debate, with the main focus on the law's eighth article regarding the classification of the corporation's employees.

The second paragraph of the article, which stipulates that the employees of the Pension Fund be moved to the corporation and be included in the civil service system once the law is enacted, was the main point of controversy.

Some deputies demanded that the paragraph be kept as it is until the government pre-pares a special system on the corporation, stressing that the corporation deals with large that it should be given incentives to attract proficient per-

Others accused the government of using double standards in dealing with corporations when giving some large incen-oves under special regulations. They elaimed that civil servants will remain the less fortunate and demanded that the special laws and systems be substituted by a general system of incenoves for all employees of the government and its cor-

Dr. Majali replied to the depuces hy saying that the paragraph was enacted and the issue was over when the corporation's employees were moved to the corporation and included in the civil service

The House also decided to return to the government a law on the Jordanian Exports Guarantee Corporation since many deputies expressed their belief that there was no need to establish such a corporation and urged the government to refrain from vying from the private sector in its projects.

PLO needs more time to review bank licensing and dinar dealings

AMMAN (Petra) — The Joint Jordanian-Palestinian Economic Committee ended its meetings in Amman Sunday leaving some issues unresolved, according to Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and In-Only Gaza City centre still formation Minister Jawad Al Anani, who headed the Jordanian side to the talks.

ous basic points related to cooperation in a number of fields, but two points remain "suspended" because the Palestinian side felt that it is in need of more time to study them thoroughly and perhaps they would be taken up with the Plaestinian leadership," Mr. Anani said in a statement

summing up the final session. The two points revolve around the method of Jordanian-Palestinian coordination in licensing new banks and their dealings in the Jordanian dinar as well as the manner in which the two sides will settle payments for exchanged goods, Dr. Anani said.

Dr. Anani said the meetings. which started here Tuesday, were characterised with frankness and the two sides delved deep into the substance and to appropriate mechanism for the imolementation of the

Jordanian-Palestiuian economic accord signed last January. "Once we bave reached an necord on these two oustand-ing points, we would have co-

vered issues that assume prime priority for the two sides," added Dr. Anani. "We have agreed that after settling issues related to trade, customs, tariffs, transit, tourism, monetary and banking procedures and the settlement

of payments, we would move to the next step, which entails discussion in agriculture, industry, transport and contract-ing," Dr. Anani said. ing," Dr. Anani said.
Voicing Jordan's appreciation of the Palestinian side to the talks, Dr. Anani said that the Palestinians "displayed

genuine desire to arrive at U.N. overall formula for coopcration in area that would safeguard the interests of the two peoples." Ahmad Qouriea, who led the Palestinian side to the meetings, described the talks as brotherly and serious, "dealing with issues of mutual concern and in a manner that

would render support to the work of the Palestinian autonomy rule."
"We have agreed that trade between Palestine and Jordan be conducted freely and exempted from all forms of duty and taxes," said Dr. Couriea, head of the Economic Department of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

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mg and monetary dealings we bave agreed on issuing licences to all Jordanian banks operating in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and that the Jordanian dinar remain the main currency and not as one of the different currencies," be

"We also agreed that the Jordanian dinar will remain the ooly currency for official transactions and means for settling Palestinian dues," he said. Dr. Qouriea said the two

sides agreed to form subcommittees to handle such issnes as trade, monetary affairs, banking and tourism matters and expressed hope that these will start meetings as soon as possible.

Dr. Qouriea admitted that "certain outstanding points re-main unresolved and require clarification from the Palestinian leadership which would deal with them in the next two days after which we would return to Amman to resume

Bosnia fighting bodes ill for peace efforts

SARAJEVO (R) - Reports of skirmishes in northern Bosnia threw a shadow on Sunday over a new international drive to end 25 months of carnage in the former Yugoslav republic.

Bosnian government army sources said their Muslim-led troops, normally outgunned by their Bosniau Serb foes, pushed Serb forces back in three separate attacks near

A military source in the northeastern Muslim stronghold told Reuters the government army had damaged a Serb-held television tower on a

ridge overlooking Tuzla.
"We surrounded a television tower and partly destroyed it," said the Bosnian army sonrce, who asked not to be named. "That is why you couldn't see Serb TV here for the last two days.

The tower stands on a hilltop 20 kilometres east of Tuzla, Bosnia's second largest city in government hands and crammed with refugees. The mainly Muslim inhabitants regularly used to watch a Serbian chan-

Government army sources said they also gained ground in the Kladanj area, some 50 kilometres to the south.

U.N. peackeeping troops in Sarajevo could only confirm one Muslim gain, saying the army appeared to have wrested back 10 square kilometres of territory from the Serbs at Vijenac, a hilltop near Tuzla where the Serbs had artillery. Bosnian Serbs reported a

flare-up across the north of the republic, a discouraging sign for a new internacional peace

effort begun on Friday. Clashes suggested the fighters may not yet be in a mood to make peace and could mean an uphill struggle for mediators.

Muslims and Serbs have already criticised Friday's call from Western and Russian negotiators for a four-month truce, the Muslims saying it is too long and the Serbs too short.

begovie said on Saturday his government would insist on a truce of only two months, while the Bosnian Serbs said they favoured an indefinite

The two sides are far apart on this key issue because the Serbs now control more than two thirds of Bosnia and the Muslims fear an open-ended truce would lock in Serb gains.

Foreign ministers from the United States, Russia and the : European Union, adopting a joint strategy for the first time, endorsed a plan giving 49 per cent of Bosnia to the Serbs and the rest to a Muslim-Croat federation.

Their call for negotiations to start within two weeks had not brought any public response on Sunday from political leaders of the Bosnian factions.

Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzie has criticised the peace plan presented in Geneva for lacking mechanisms to force the Scrbs to negotiate in good faith and

relinquish territory.
"We are looking for guarantees. We are looking for commitment from the international community," he said.

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ers, had breached his BEIRUT (R) -- Prime Minister Rafik Al Hariri has ended his week-long stoppage that evision addience of Ms. Halest, will imed that she and it plunged Lebanon into its worst political crisis in nearly two years, but one analyst said on Sunday the billionaire leader's image had been tarnished.

The crisis is over," the political analyst, who asked not to be named, told Reuters. "But it is yet to be seen how much it damaged Hariri. The whole thing was a political blunder and he was made to pay.

"His image bas been tarnished and he has lost some of his credibility.'

Mr. Hariri, one of the world's ricbest men, went on strike last Sunday when President Elias Hrawi and Parliament.. Speaker Nabih Berri blocked his proposal to bring in four new ministers - two heavyweight Christian politicians to calm Christian fears that their minority is being shunted aside, and two ministers to help speed the government's post-war reconstruction

programme. Before being named prime

minister in October 1992, Mr. Hariri promised to sink part of his fortune into restoring the centre of Beirut, devastated by 15 years of civil war.

"I want to go down in the history books as the man who resurrected Beirut," he told reporters, saying this was just a starting point for rebuilding the whole country through private enterprise.

When he took over, he represented a startling break with traditional Lebanese polilicians who stumbled through the civil war and then failed to rehabilitate the country when peace arrived in 1990.

The analyst said that after last week's crisis, Mr. Hariri was returning to work without achieving any of his demands. which ranged from the proposed cahinet reshuffle to defining his relations with Mr. Hrawi and Mr. Berni.

But sources close to Mr. Hariri, while acknowledging that the stoppage affair was a setback, said returning to work marked the start of a process designed to resolve the sticking

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points.
Mr. Hariri's office announced late on Saturday that he was calling a cabinet meeting for Monday - the first since he abruptly stopped

The annonneement was made immediately after he returned from an unexpected round of talks in Damascus with Syrian President Hafez Al

Syria, which has 35,000 troops in Lebanon, is the country's main power broker.

The dispute paralysed the government last week and caused a five-day run on the Lebanese pound. This cost the central bank at least \$200 million to defend the currency when people rushed to buy dollars as a hedge against political instabiliry.

Many feared that if Mr. Hariri's withdrawal continued for long --- or if he resigned --the country would plunge into a financial cosis.

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Christopher presents Israeli response to Syrian demands

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher went straight into talks with President Hafez Al Assad here Sunday at the start of his second peace shuttle in as many weeks between archfoes Syria and Israel.

The secretary was to deliver Israel's response to Mr. Assad's counter-proposals, following an initial Israeli offer of a phased withdrawal from the strategic Golan Heights. The Syrian president had

asked for clarifications. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has offered to return three of five Druze villages on the Heights as a first stage in a three-step withdrawal over five to eight years from the plateau which Israel seized

in 1967. Damascus Radio said Mr. Christopher would find in Syria a readiness to "negotiate seriously on ideas and proposals" which could lead to a settlement, in contrast to Israel which was "squandering peace

opportunities." Syria is willing to discuss an Israeli withdrawal from the Heights on condition Israel pledges a complete pullout within an "acceptable and reasonable" timeframe, the government daily Tishrin said. A Tishrin commentary headlined "Will Israel take the adequate decision?" said the hall lay in Israel's court "and those who give it support," in reference to the United States.

A senior Israeli official said Mr. Christopber would try to persuade Syria to set up a joint military commission with Israel to "draft security arrangements" for the Heights. But the proposal was likely

to be flatly rejected in Damascus, where an official said only. last week that Israel should complete a total pullout from the Heights before security arrangements could be discus-Syria has insisted it would

not surrender a single inch of the plateau which commands access to Damascus as well as northern Israel, but it has not refused to discuss ways of finding a settlement.

Diplomats here and in Beirut said that the exchange of messages between Syria and Israel was a step in the right direction, although both sides were far from a breakthrough.

A Western diplomat in Damascus said the counterproposals submitted to Israel by Syria "included some very

specific questions which opened the way for a concrete and serious debate." Mr. Christopher intended

flying to Israel on Monday evening to carry Mr. Assad's latest thoughts to Mr. Rabin and might return to Damascus later in the week. But he has been at pains to

breakthrough on this trip, saying the road to Israeli-Syrian peace would be long and hard. Mr. Rabin has yet to commit himself to full withdrawal, though most commentators believe he has accepted that ne-

play down expectations of a

cessiry if he wants to make peace with Syria. Before he speaks of the extent of Israeli withdrawal, Mr. Rabin wants Syria to promise to establish full diplomatie relations with the Jewish state,

including trade, tourism and

cultural exchanges. Mr. Christopher explored these issues in his last visit to the region less than two weeks ago and said the negotiations were entering a new, substantive phase.

But few details uf the talks emerged and Mr. Christopher

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6 more die in S. Africa amid 'mounting tension'

least six people including a soldier were killed in South African township violence over the weekend, as bloodshed marred the new post-apartheid

democracy.
The killings over the past 48 hours followed the massacre of 12 people on Friday in Tokoza township, east of Johannesburg, which shattered relative peace since all-race elections last month.

A soldier was killed after troops moved into Tokoza on sunday to follow up reports of unrest between supporters of the African National Congress (ANC) and its rival Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP).

"The situation is very tense," said Major Christo Visser, a spokesman for the newly formed South African National Defence Force (SANDF). He said details were soll

sketchy but troops had cor-, doned off three migrant work-

JOHANNESBURG (R) — At least six people including a supporters after shots were fired at the two passing mini-

"We are cordoned off the hostels and have called in for reinforcements in case of further trouble," Maj. Visser said, giving no move information.

Meanwhile, police said five people were killed since Friday in the volatile Kwazulu-Natal region, the Zulu heartland where 10,000 people died in a

decade of factional fighting. On Saturday a 61-year-old man and his daughter were shot dead in Ndwedwe, near Durban. Another man was killed in Nongoma in the province's north, a body was found in Kwamakuthu township south of Durban and a teenager was killed in Umla-

Police said they arrested 18 people and rescued three

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Fishing dispute in Gaza too much for Palestinian police force to handle

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Reporter

DEIR AL BALAH - It took only a few days for Palestinian policemen patrolling the Gaza Strip to get their first taste of difficulties that are in store for them as they got ready to oversee Palestinian authority take over this coastal strip.

Factional strife and a lack of an indigenous authority for decades has set the stage for major security challenges for a force initially designed to relieve its people of the pains of Israeli occupation.

It was in Deir Al Balah, a Gaza town south of Gaza City and north of Rafah, that Palestinian policemen faced one of their first challenges. But a civil dispute proved to be too great a challenge for the police force and left many Gazans wondering how effective the police force would be in dealing with factional vio-

A dispute between two fisher families in Deir Al Balah evolved into an armed standoff between two traditional Gazan clans from Deir Al Balah, a native of Deir Al Balah told the Jordan Times.

"These are traditional fishing families who have often fought about territorial fishing rights," said Ahmad Abu Yousef. "The boys in the family

pulled out their guns and the member of one clan informed the police," he said, Five Palestinian policemen rushed to the scene of the

dispute but there was solution after a three-hour discussion with the involved parties and the police. Unable to resolve and

mediate the dispute, the police then called a local unit of the Fatch Hawks, the armed military unit of Fateh,

to belp resolve the conflict.
"The police stayed for another bour and then told the Fatch Hawks to please stay and deal with the family squabble," Mr. Abn Yousef, who was on hand to witness the incident, said.

The Fatch Hawks reportedly found a solution and created a demarcation line for fishing rights of the two clans that the involved parties agreed to respect.

News of the incident quickly spread through the Gaza Strip and to the West Bank. Palestinians felt the episode was "food for thought."
"This is disturbing," said
Kamal Dweik of the Hehron

Municipality, who was waiting for Palestinian National Security Forces to enter Jericho last week.

We will grant them a honevmoon period in which they can gel familiar with the situation but they must realise that resolving disputes will be a great portion of their

A Jericho shopkeeper Naef Erakat agreed. "This police force has a great burden to bear on its shoulders. One of their first task will be to introduce law and order and help create a civic society."

The shooting incident in-

volving the death of an IIyear-old boy in Jericho on Friday was undoubtedly the most emharrassing of any that the Palestinian police force could have faced. But as some Jericho residents say, "it is also a warning to the police that they are not here on a vacation and must take their responsibilities seriously.

"This is not a game, it is state building," warned Mr., Dweik, "This police force is part of the state building process. They must know it and act accordingly."



Policemen find the land of their dreams

By Nejla Sammakia Agence France Presse

JERICHO, occupied West Bank — Ahu Kifah was born in Jordan hut grew up dreaming of a homeland in Palestine that he knew only from the stories be heard from bis parents and grandparents. Now he still cannot believe

that like hundreds of other Palestinian police who crossed into Jericho be bas finally reached the land of his dreams. "It was a dream. Until now we were not fully awake," be

can't really believe I am here. I heard so much about Palestine from the old

More than 400 men of the

new Palestinian police force crossed over from Jordan this week for the transfer to power from Israel which took place

Hundreds of Jericho residents rushed out 10 meet the policemen who had lears in their eyes as they were bused

They were cheered all the way into town by youths shouting "Allahu Akbar," and were welcomed by music bands, marches, and ululating

"To my parents and grandparents, it was the most beautiful place on earth, a blessed land, with rich soil and all kinds of trees," said Abu

For years he kept the dream alive in the military camps where be was trained to fight and pursue the Palestinian

Now Abu Kifah, or father of struggle in Arahic, is part of a joint patrol driving with Israeli soldiers along Jericho's high-

I am working within a framework. I take orders from my superiors, but they (the Israelis) are still my enemy, Ahu Kifah said, nodding his head toward a jeep with four Israeli soldiers parked under a tree near him.

There seemed to be little fraternisation hetween the two, but they had nevertheless shared soft drinks and sandwiches earlier as they rested "We sent over drinks to them, and they offered us food, but we don't talk much with them.

Ihah Salem, born in Egypt. had never thought be would have the chance to see the land of his parents' dreams. His most recent images of

the occupied territories had been coloured by the Palesti-nian intifada, which broke out in the occupied territories in December 1987. When he heard his friends'

dramatic tales of the hattles in the territories or watched them on television, Salem longed to be a hero or even a martyr. "I would have liked to be killed or injured, but luck was not on my side," be said.

Thousands of Kurds flee Turkey for Iraq

ZAKHO (Agencies) — Thousands of Kurds have fled repression in Turkey and crossed the mountains into northern Iraq, aid organisations said here Sunday.

Some 4,200 Turkish Kurds have crossed the border since the beginning of March, at a rate of around 20 families each day. Most of them crossed in the past four weeks, said Hannes Kempman from the German aid association HAD.

"Altogether we bave counted 4,203 people so far," he told AFP.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) met Saturday in the border town of Dohnk to launch an action programme with other non-governmental organisations working in the

"We have decided to start supplying them with food, water, sanitation and medical care," said the head of the UNHCR operation in northern Iraq, Francesco Ardisson. They would be treated as re-

fugees.
Mr. Ardisson said it had not be sheltered, but the UNHCR was going to try to find a place further from the border with Turkey.

Half are currently staying in the border towns of Zakho or Dohuk where they have been bonsed in public buildings or rented houses, while the rest are in Sheranesh, a village 20 kilometres northeast of Zakho.

Zinin Ynnis, 30, who reached northern Iraq 15 days ago, said she left her Turkish village near Ulludere "because the Turkish army bombed it several times.

She left with her five-yearold son who lost his left eye while fleeing through the mountains. "We were fired on by a helicopter," Ms. Yunis

Hassan Yilmaz, 34, who came from a village close to Divabakir in the southeast Anatolia region of Turkey, said he bad decided to flee with his wife and four children "because the Turkish army wanted us to fight against the (Kurdish Labour Party) PKK.

"Some of my friends who refused were already dead or in prison. Therefore I preferred to flee."

The worst clashes between the PKK and the Turkish security forces have been in the Knrdish-majority Anatolia area, where the PKK is fighting for an independent state.

Northern Iraq has heen
under Kurdish control since an autonomous region was established with the backing of the U.S.-led coalition after the

1991 Gulf war. Interior Minister Nahit Mentese said Sunday the PKK fronting the armed insurgency against Turkish authorities is on the point of breaking after a series of military de-

Mr. Mentese said in a statement that the PKK "has lost its options for logistical support and suffered major losses following large-scale operations

by the army."
He added: "The process of dissolution of the separatist organisation bas begun."

Since May I, Mr. Mentese said, 314 PKK militants had been arrested and 186 killed, and 48 others including senior commanders had surrendered to security forces in the Kurdish strongholds of east and southeast Turkey.

He repeated earlier government pledges that the PKK would be eliminated by the end of the year.

Red Cross asks Yemen to move Somalis to safety

SANAA (R) — Red Cross officials have asked northern Yemeni authorities to move thousands of Somali refugees from a camp where hundreds were killed in crossfire between Yemen's civil war foes.

The population of the (Al Koud refugee) camp is at great risk of becoming indirect targets of the fighting," Intern-tional Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) delegate Arnold Lucthold said on Sunday. "The ICRC and the

UNHCR are insisting on the evacuation of the refugees, which should be done in a proper manner to ensure their safety," Mr. Luethold said He was speaking a day after

he and officials from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) visited Al Koud camp for refugees who have fled Somalia's civil war only to be caught up in Yemen's conflict which erupted on May 4.

The camp, which housed about 10,000 refugees, lies on the southern Yemeni coast, about 50 kilometres northeast of Aden, the stronghold of South Yemeni leaders and prime target of the north. Refugees clustered on a san-

dy plain a few kilometres from the camp told a visiting Reuter correspondent on Friday that 400 to 450 of the camp people had heen killed and 600 wounded after being caught up in fighting on the first day of

About 3,000 people were sitting around on the plain. Others had fled to the mountains or to nearby towns. "We called on (northern

military commanders) to do all that was necessary to evacuate civilians from the field of combat," Mr. Lnetbold said. Northern forces control the area round Al Koud. Mr. Luethold said he heard

estimates of between 100 and 4/3 people dead and wounded Northern army officers based near the camp told Reuters they thought 200 refugees were

The Somalis said dogs were eating the bodies of the dead, still lying in the open because burial parties had been driven off by shooting from southern Yemeni warships at sea.

Mr. Luethold said the camp. which was run by the UNHCR before the war, came under fire while the delegation was

Meanwhile a group of southern organisations in Aden called on the Arab League to "intervene directly and quickly to end the fighting." But in Cairo, Arab League

Secretary General Esmat Abdul Meguid ruled out any early Arab summit to discuss the crisis. Last week a league emergency meeting turned down an Egyptian proposal to send an Arah peacekeeping force to Yemen.

An Arab League delegation has been in Yemen since Thursday trying to broker a ceasefire.

It was also to deliver a call from Dr. Abdul Meguid for an immediate ceasefire. Southern leaders also called

on the Arah League to intervene to ensure the implementation of a reconciliation accord signed between the two sides in February in Amman.

Ride through Yemen provides brush with war

(R) - The clatter of an antiaircraft gun brought our journey through spectacular Yemeni mountains to a juddering

The driver slammed on the brakes and reporters scramfrom the bostile warplane whose arrival overhead the gunfire announced.

The party of reporters being ferried by northern forces through a mountain pass to cover the frontlines of Yemen's civil war began to feel as if they might become its latest casualty.

The warplane banked as it came in to bomh us.

There was little cover. The ack-ack gun, booming from a nearby northern post above the road, was missing its As the reporters ran about

aimlessly, I noted gloomily that it was Friday 13th. To our right was the rocky side of the mountain. To the left was a ravine more than 100 metres deep. A Defence Ministry guide

crouched sensibly beside some rocks. The pholographers aimed their lenses at the sky. The plane dropped its bomb.

It fell into the ravine, sending up plumes of smoke and de-The incident near Naqui

Thurah mountain near Mukairas town was only one of several nerve-wracking episodes on a nine-hour 430kilometre journey from Sanaa in the north 10 northern army positions deep in southern territory near Aden For the past 11 days the

northern forces of Ali Abdul-

lah Saleh have been fighting to topple rival southerners of Vice President Ali Salem Al Beidh, whom they accuse of trying to lead a breakaway by the larger,

less populous south.

The road was punctuated by army checkpoints. Soldiers if we had permission to go south. In the main towns life had at

least a veneer of normality. Markets were open and traffic moved, although soldiers had a substantial presence. Northerners said Mukairas

was in the hands of the southem 20th brigade. Northern troops manned all vantage points on the road south from Naqil Thurah towards the region of Zinjibar. Only a few minutes before

the air raid, our vehicle ran straight into the mountainside as it was making a sharp turn beside a gorge near the old border between the former North and South Yemens. which Mr. Saleh and Mr. Beidh united in 1990.

The vehicle bounced back off the slope, almost teetering over a precipice and into a

Our Ministry of Defence companion had as simple, and very sobering, explanation for the air raid.

Our car - a hrand new red four-wheel drive vehicle — was the same colour and type as the vehicle used hy newly appointed Defence Minister Brigadier Abed Rahbo Hadi, a northerner. We must have been mis-

taken for him. "Very reassuring," remarked one of my colleagues.

Iran: Haj rally planned despite Saudi 'siege'

NICOSIA (R) — Iran said Saudi Arabia has deployed police around its pilgrimage (Haj) headquarters in the Holy City of Mecca, where transan pilgrims plan to bold a political rally in defiance of a

"With only three days left for the annual rally against disbelievers in this Holy City, the Saudi police bave deployed two companies of police forces around the beadquarters of the representative of the leader of the Islamic revolution," the official Iranian news agency IRNA said late Saturday. Iran's charge could not be

confirmed. Saudi Arahia usually deploys its police in the holy cities of Mecca and Medina during the Haj, which attracts millions of Muslims every year. Iran has also declared May 15 a day of a solidarity with Bosnian Muslims for pilgrims

gathered in Saudi Arabia and

said donations would be collected from pilgrims. Riyadh is a keen supporter of Bosnian Muslims but has long said that the pilgrimage. which this year reaches its climax on May 20, is an occasion

for worship and not political activity. Hojatoleslam Mohammad Mohammadi Rayshahri, Iran's lop representative at the Haj, said Iranian pilgrims will hold a rally in Mecca on Tuesday denouncing what they see as

Islam's enemies, despite the Saudi ban on political activity. IRNA's report from Mecca said Saudi police "have been stationed with a water cannon and two armoured cars (oul-

side the Iranian headquarters).

At noon today (Saturday) 10 police cars were seen patrolling in the area."

"Police loudspeakers are ters," it added.

two high buildings near the beadquarters in the Al Azizieh area are visible to everybody, Ka'ha they are keeping pil even during prayers.

including rallies.

ly Iranians, were killed at the 1987 Haj when Saudi security forces clashed with an Iranianled rally chanting slogans against the United States and Israel.

hreak in relations between Iran and Saudi Arabia and a threeyear Iranian boycott of the Iran and Saudi Arahia have

beard calling drivers not to park cars in the area. Two lift-trucks bave been placed in Saudi police bave also taken up positious at the Al Aziz School opposite the Iranian beadquar-Two cameras installed atop

it added. "...In some cases the Saudi police have entered into the scene directly and at all points of Mecca especially in the streets ending at the Holy grims under strict observation Saudi Arabia's Interior Minister Prince Nayef Ben

Abdul Aziz reiterated on Wednesday that the kingdom would enforce a ban on all political activities by pilgrims. More than 400 people, most-

The hloodshed led to a

quarrelled this year about the number of Iranians allowed into the kingdom for the Haj. ahout their oil production policies and over Saudi Arabia's close ties with Iran's declared enemy, the United States.

responsibility for lawyer CAIRO (Agencies) — The Egyptian government on Saturday denied accusations that police tortured to death a Muslim fundamentalist lawyer and said be was a

Egypt government denies

"terrorist" who died of an asthma attack. An Interior Ministry statelawyer, Abdul Harith Madani, 32, straight to hospital after he fainted and he died of lung failure there the next day, April 27. The Egyptian Bar Associa-

tion has said Madani died on April 30 after torture in police custody and lawyers briefed on the medical report said he probably died of a blow to the head.

The association's freedoms committee dismissed the Interior Ministry statement as an allempt to dissuade lawyers from striking on Sunday. It said an official coverup was continuing.

"All attempts to obtain an independent post mortem have failed, despite the fact that the public prosecutor's office found wounds and bruises, which suggests a criminal act," the committee said. "The prosecution is still trying to avoid opening the investigation to the association," it added.

The Egyptian Organisation for Human Rights has also said it was concerned that Madani might have died from torture after his arrest. Lawvers say the strike was

to go ahead on Sunday if the government does not name the people they say killed Madani. They also plan a march on the presidential palace on Tuesday. The authorities have not

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released the report by the forensic doctor but on Thursday Interior Minister Hassan Al Alfi promised an investigation and said there would

be no cover-up. But the six-page statement released by his ministry on Saturday made no mention of death. It described Madani as a "terrorist" and said be bad used his position as a lawyer to convey orders from Muslim militant leaders in jail to

those ontside jail and abroad. It said he bad also acted as conduit for 45,000 pounds (\$13,000) and \$3,000 seat from abroad to finance the Gamaa Al Islamiyah (Islamic Group), the main Muslim militant group

"The (security) forces caught the terrorist Abdul Harith Madani on the evening of April 26... in his office in the Pyramids. He was taken to search his bouse in the Tablia area in the Pyramids, where a large amount of papers and important organisational documents were found. "While he was being taken

to search his other house in the Warrak Al Arab area he had difficulty breathing and fainted." The statement said he was

taken to Manial University hospital where he was diagnosed as baving had an asthma attack. "On the afternoon of the

next day, April 27, the hospital gave notice that be had died from a serious collapse of the respiratory system and failure of the fonctions of the lungs as a result of a severe attack of asthma."

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Mrs. Lee Kwan Yew (second from left), her daughter Lee Wei Ling, Sunday visit wife of the Singaporean prime minister, and Noor Al Hussein Foundation

Mrs. Lee Kwan Yew visits NHF

the Singaporean prime minister, Mrs. Lee Kwan Yew, and her daughter Lee Wei Ling visited Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) Sunday morning, where they were received by fn'am Mufti. adviser to Her Majesty Queen Noor for Planning, development and NHF internadonal relations, and senior NHF staff, Mrs. Mufti briefed the visiting guests on NHF development philosopby which focuses on longterm integrated development projects that help families and communities reach selfreliance through democratic

AMMAN (J.T.) - Wife of

grassroots participadon. The Queen's advisor told the group that NHF projects give special attention to increasing women's involvement in economic production and decision making.

She added that as NHF seeks to raise the quality of life of families and communities throughout Jordan: it helps them engage in longterm socio-economic development schemes that provide them with training, new jobs, links with local and international markets and new opportunities for im-

proved fiving. NHF Communication and Development Specialist, Sima Bahous, gave a slide presentation in which she explained that NHF development endeavors have benefited over 40,000 people across Jordan.

Dr. Bahous said that by working in the five areas of family and community de-velopment, women, children, promotion of culture and heritage and advancement of education, NHF seeks to identify and meet different development needs in Jordan, to introduce innovative and dynamic integrated community development models and to set national standards

NHF's Quality of Life Project, Women in Development Project and the Jordan Design and Trade Centre are recognised by U.N. organisations as model projects for the region.

Mrs. Lee Kwan Yew and the accompanying delegation also toured NHF's Jordan Design and Trade Centre (JDTC) where they saw exhibits of Jordanian handicrafts such as woolen rugs, embroidered home furnishings, eeramics, glassware, baskerry, fishionable elothing and wrought iron furniture — all designed be-

nefiting from the JDTC. The NHF guests expressed admiration of the wide range of serious development endeavors that NHF is undertaking, according to an NHF spokesperson.

Adnan Talhouni, director of Queen Noor's office and Akram Qursha director general of NHF attended the

PSD issues summer bridge crossing rules

AMMAN (Petra) - The Public Security Department (PSD) Sunday announced summer procedures for travel across the King Hussein Bridge to the occupied West Bank and said that the procedures will take effect May 18.

Travellers should register to cross in advance in order to avoid congesion and to allow for the concerned authorities to control the travel process across the bridge, said the PSD

In a bid to facilitate and organise bridge crossings to the West Bank, which are more frequent during the summer months, several registration offices will be opened from 7:30 a.m. daily except Fridays starting next Wednesday to fix dates for the travellers, said the statement,

According to the program-me, a total of 1,800 travellers daily will be registered by the following Amman Governo-rate police stations: Marka, Zuhur, Ashrafieh, Hashemi, Muhajireen, Shmeisani, Biader Wadi Seer, Rashid and Al Hussein.

Non-Arab travellers holding permits to cross, as well as others with permits from the Red Cross or those persons accompanying funerals to the West Bank will be allowed to cross without registering through the above program said the statement.

The statement caudoned all travellers to make sure that they hold valid permits for travel to the West Bank before registering.

Syria is trying to increase imports from Jordan, says visiting minister

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By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Syria is trying to increase its imports from Jordan and diversify its exports to the Kingdom according to Syrian Minister of Economy and Foreign Affairs Moham mad fmadi.

At a meeting of the joint Jordanian-Syrian Economic Committee Sunday in Amman the panel prepared a report to be submitted to the higher committee meeting due to convene again in Amman next month.

Reports on the operations of joint companies operating in Jordan and Syria since 1975 were reviewed, according to Dr. Imadi who led the Syrian side to the meeong.

"We have discussed all measures related to promoting cooperation and expansion of trade and economic ties" said

the visiting minister.

He told Jordan Television following the meeting that trade exchanges between Damascus and Amman are in the interest of the two countries, "and on our part in Syria, we are trying to in-crease our imports from Jordan and diversify our exports to the Kingdom.

Along with the minutes of the meeting, Dr. Imadi and his Jordanian counterpart Minister of Industry and Trade Rima Khalaf signed an economie and trade protocol aimed at promoting trade and cooperation in transport and industry between the two countries

"With this accord, we have taken the first step towards



Minister of Industry and Trade Rima Khalaf Sunday reviews bilateral trade issues with her counterpart Syrian Minister

of Economy and Foreign Affairs Mohammad Imadi. Attending the meeting were members of the Jordanian-Syrian Economic Committee (Petra photo)

adjusting the trade halance between the two countries which is heavily in favour of Syria," said Dr. Khalaf.

She told Jordan Television that during the meeong both sides tried to overcome obstacles impeding the markeong of Jordanian products in Syrian markets, and agreed to revise the list of products for export to either country.

"We also tackled several other problems related to trade and transport and issues related to account settlements and banking procedures, and we agreed to convene a meeting hy specialists from the two sides to lay the groundwork for details of the future working plan in trade, to be followed by an economie ministerial committee meeting which would put the final touches to an overall

Dr. Imadi and his team earlier held meeongs with

report to be submitted to the

nigher committee," said Dr.

Minister of Water and Irrigaoon Hisbam Al Khauh and Minister of Supply Radi Ihrahim to review import and export operations between Amman and Damascus.

Questions including Jordan's purchases of cereals and animal feed from Syria were discussed by the two

Dr. Imadi and Dr. Khalaf met later with Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali and briefed him on the outcome of their meetings.

Jewish American author continues 40-year fight against Zionism

By Sa'eda Kilani Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Alfred Lilienthal's persistent struggle against Zionism for over 40 years and his steadfast deand Palestinian rights make it difficult to believe that the renowned writer and specialist in Middle Eastern affairs is an American Jew. In fact, he

"f am not an American Jew but a Jewish American," Dr. Lilienthal told a group of Jordanian friends and journalists just before his departure from Amman Sunday. "Israel's flag is not mine," he maintained.

A zealous combatant against Zionism, Dr. Lilienthal considers the turn-of-the century movement as a serious threat to Jewish and American interests. For over

Holiday closings announced

AMMAN (Petra) - Ministries, government departments and

public institutions will be closed in observing of 'Eid Al Adha

and fudependence Day beginning Saturday May 21 till Wednesday evening May 25, according to two communiques issued by Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali. The holidays

mark the end of the pilgrimage season and the Kingdom's fndependence Day which falls on May 25.

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordanian-Omani talks on bilateral

relations in civil aviation started in Amman Sunday at the Civil

Aviation Authority (CAA). The talks, ebaired on the Jorda-

nian side by CAA Director General Ahmad Jweiber and on

the Omani side by Deputy Director of the Omani Civil

Aviation Authority Ahmad Ben Saced Al Ruwahi, dealt with

operating direct flights between the two countries, training

Oman, Jordan start civil aviation talks

40 years, Dr. Lilienthal, who was repeatedly harassed for his ano-Zonist stands, has been assiduously trying to fight against the dangers of

Author of many articles on "Israel's Flag Is Not Mine" for the Reader's Digest, and of the books, "What Price Israel", "There Goes The Middle East" and "The Other Side of the Coin", Dr. Lilienthal believes that Arabs and Jews can live peacefully together if Jews relinquished

their Zionist thinking. "Arabs and Jews have lots in common," said Dr. Lilienthal, who paid a short visit to Jordan. "It is the Western intrusion of Zionism that has killed this relationship."

On an annual basis, Dr. Lilienthal tours the Middle East to visit Arab countries and Israel and to talk with

their leaders and people. He believes that the Arabs, and Palestinians in particular, are not fully aware of Zionism and how it operates.

Dissatisfied with "the Israeli-Palestinian accords, Dr. Lilienthal points to the growing influence of Zionism and hlames the U.S. for not respecting its role as an honest broker in the Arab-Israeli peace process.

"The peace process is worth trying but there are many ambiguities in the (Palestinian-Israeii) accords," he said. "And instead of being impartie: the U.S., in many instance. hes

"(The Palesonian | ident Yasser) Arafat remains aware of Zionism and how it manipulates," he warned. pointing out that the U.S. president is being surrounded

issues and exchanging expertise.

NEWS IN BRIEF

by American Jews placed in senior posts who have Zionist ambitions and whose words are heard.

Warning of an imminent Zionist Invasion, Dr. Lilienthal, the author of "The became a best-seller in Canada and which was described by Foreign Affairs as the "culminating masterwork" of his anti-Zionist crusade, insisted that Arabs should not lift the boycott on Israel until Israel normalises its nationalisation.

"fsrael has got to become an Israeli state and not a Jewish state," he said.

"If Israel demands normalisation of relations then farsighted people should demand normalisation of nationalisation in Israel that is growing in power and is threatening peace and

Nurses to return from training in U.S. Al Amal Cancer Centre due to open in late November

By Elia Nasrallah

Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN - Sixtéen nurses who have been taking training courses in oncology at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. will start returning to Jordan as of early July to begin work at Al Amal Centre near the University of Jordan, according to Abdullah Al Khatib, rapporteur to the Jordanian national task force undertak-

ing the cancer centre project. This summer seven of the nurses who have acquired high level training in caring for cancer patients will be back in the Kingdom; the rest will be in Amman before the expected inauguration of the centre someome towards the

end of November, Dr. Khatib told the Jordan Times. Noting that the work on

the construction of the centre and its annex is in its last phases, Dr. Khaoh said the cost so far was estimated at JD 17 million, of which JD 9 million went to the purchase and installation of equip-Between JD 3 and 4 mil-

lion are needed annually to cover the operational cost of the centre which will offer its services free of charge especially to needy patients, Dr. Khaoh added.

"We plan to set up a special fund to raise money to cover the cost of treatment for poor patients, and we also plan to initiate other projects

label written in Arabic to ex-

plain the contents, expiry date

and other important informa-

tion about the product that

He added that the ministry

also requires imported pro-

ducts to bear the same such

labels in Arabic before enter-

would benefit the buyer.

in order to ensure sufficient income to cover operadonal costs," said Dr. Khatib.

One option is to construct and rent ont several stores on a plot of land given to the centre by the University of Jordan; this plan is expected to raise part of the income required to cover operational costs incurred by centre, he

'We have already drawn up plans for this project, but we have other ideas including securing an annual sum for the centre from the government out of the national budget," said Dr. Khatib.

But, he said, there would be no need for a such move if the government applied a comprehensive medical insurance system for all citizens, because allocation would come from the various concerned institutions as well as the government.

Dr. Khatih said the centre was also involved in setting its bylaws, designed to allow it to run independently with as little routine and formality as possible, and a special register was being opened to record cancer patient cases and their locations around the country.

At the same time, he said, the national task force maintains close contracts with international institutions which cononue to provide assistance to the centre in the form of expertise and training.

Manufacturers, government seek to upgrade labelling, packing and packaging of products support it," Mr. Soudi said. Food labelling is a priority for the ministry, he said adding

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Proper packaging and expiry dates oo local products are essential require-ments for Jordanian goods to be accepted both on the local and international markets. according to Imad Shama of the Amman Chamber of Industry and Commerce.

Mr. Shama, who was addressing a group business lunch attendees at the Marriott Hotel, said proper packaging has become an important fac-tor for local industry, adding that many countries require special specifications in shipping and packaging products.
"We can't sell to a client if the product is not packed prop-

erly," Mr. Shama said. He said the international packaging industry has been advancing rapidly, but the Jordanian sector needs to work on improving its packing and packaging system to compete in international markets.

According to Mr. Shama, there was a notable jump in the number of Jordanian exports in recent years. In 1988, he said, Jordanian exports were estimated at \$22 million, but in 1994 they soared to \$80 million.

Therefore, he said. "we have to mainitain our level to keep up with the international requitements and specifications regarding packing and packaging, because we are approaching a competitive era, especially after the (Middle East) peace process. Hassan Soudi of the Ministry

of industry and Trade also stressed the importance of improving the labelling and packaging system.
"We at the ministry wel-

come any system or style that uses science or technology, and we have to keep up with it and

said, the ministry is looking at alternativers for placing the that Jordan now requires that expiry dates on some dairy each manufacturer place a

In this area, be charged that some dairy companies are re-placing the lids of expired dairy products with new lids bearing new expiry dates.

The ministry is searching for ways to require dairy manufacturers to stamp the expiry dates on the sides or bottoms

According to Wajih Murad, president of Murad Tech. and Trading Est., the organisers of Sunday's husiness gathering, there is a buge gap between what is required of manufacturers by the government, and what these manufacturers

actually practise. "The purpose of this meeting was to gather the public and private sectors together to tell them that there is a printing solution to their needs."

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

FILM

☆ Belgian film entitled "Toto Le Heros" at the French Cultural Centre at 8:00 p.m.

LECTURE

☆ Lecture entitled "Unknown Sacred Shrines in Jordan" (with a slide presentation) by architect and artist 'Ammar Khammash at the Friends of Archaeology Centre at 7:00 p.m.

* Concert by Jafra band on the death anniversary of Lu'ay Sayegh at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8:00

EXHIBITIONS

U.S. levies \$20 fee for visa applications

AMMAN - Based on legislation recently passed by the

United States Congress, the United States Department of State has announced that effective Monday May 16, 1994, the

United States embassy in Amman and many other embassies worldwide must collect a fee for most visa applications, a U.S.

Information Press release said Sunday. A fee of \$20 (or the

equivalent in the local currency) will be levied for each visa

application, including those for children. This fee is not

refunded if the visa application is refused, the release said.

Citizens of countries who normally pay a "visa issuance" fee will now pay the visa application fee of \$20 in addition to the "visa issuance" fee. All visa applications should also be

accompanied by a passport-size photograph. Persons travell-

ing on official government business and in possession of the

required diplomatic note, are exempt from this fee.

* Exhibition of paintings by 20 Jordanian and Iraql artists (including Widad Orfali, Hussein Da'seh, Waddah Al Ward, Adnan Al Hitu and Mahmoud Hussein) at Orfali Art Gallery in Umm Uthaina (Tel.

☆ Exhibition by 46 artists entitled "He, Bonjour Monsieur La Fotaine" at the French Cultural Centre. * Exhibition of paintings by artist Salman Al Basri at

* Exhibition by fraqi artist Shawkat Al Rubaie at the Italian Language Centre (9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.) (Tel. * Exhibition of water colour paintings by artist ftab

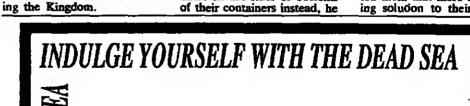
Alia Art Gallery (Tel. 639303).

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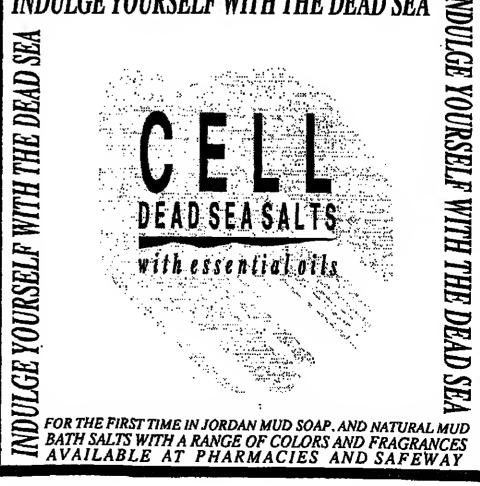
Hreib and another exhibition of ceramics by Sajida Elmeshiekhi at Ain Art Gallery in Wadi Saqra (Tel.

☆ Exhibition by artist Helmi El-Touni at Baladna Art

Art exhibition by five Egyptian artists at Darat Al Funun of the Abdul Hameed Shomaa Foundation in Jabał Luweibdeh. Also showing "permanent" exhibition of 56 Arab contemporary artists (Tel. 643251/2).



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Either we have it or we don't

THE UPPER HOUSE of Parliament's (Senate) endorsement on Saturday of the draft sales tax contrasted substantially with the way the Lower House handled the issue. The House spent many days debating the proposed tax and introduced several key amendments, notably lowering the tax base from 10 to Seven per cent and adding a long list of items and commodities that will be exempt from the new levy. The people's representatives were deeply divided on the subject and their deliberations were remarkably acrimonious for the most part. What emerged from the parliamentarians in the House was a composite of conflicting ideas that ended up watering down considerably the financial and economic impact of the tax law.

This expected decline in sales tax revenues would no doubt put a damper on Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali's original thoughts on improving the infrastructure of the country's civil service as well as on initiating new economic projects. Changing civil service for the better has always been one of the key landmarks in Dr. Majali's domestic policy. Still the prime minister has effectively ruled out any salary increases because of lower tax revenues. Dashing all hopes for salary or pension hikes is thus put squarely on the House for lowering the sales tax base.

This is certainly one way of looking at the issue. Another way of examining this problem could be found in the revelation made by the prime minister on Saturday that Jordan is among the most, if not the most, public service congested country in the world. Trimming the size of bureaucracy would seem the sensible way to reconcile the demand for improvement in the income of state employees and pensioners on pre-sales tax budgetary allocations. Yet, the decision by the Cabinet on Saturday to create 4,500 new state positions does not seem to tally with the proposition that the government has become overladen with bureaucracy. We either have too many state employees or we do not. If the former is correct then, why the government has moved to create new governmental positions? If the later corresponds more to the fact of the situation, then the assertion that state bureaucracy is already overburdened and cumbersome needs another look.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL DUSTOUR daily Sunday commented on U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher's scheduled tour of the Middle East region by expressing belief that it constitutes a fresh indication that the United States is keen on pursuing the peace process. Bnt, shuttling between Arah capitals to convey the views of leaders is not enough to achieve the aspired peace, especially on the Syrian-Israeli track, which has not yet seen by progress, the paper said. To achieve peace and ensure the return of the Golan Heights to Syrian sovereignty, said the paper, requires serious efforts on the part of the United States administration which should belp end Israel's intransigence and persuade its leaders to withdraw Israeli forces from the occupied platean. without real pressure on the Israelis, said the paper, there can be no chance for Mr. Christopher to achieve any result from his fresh mission, added the daily. While we remain committed to the peace process and wish Mr. Christopher success in ending the deadlock the paper said, it must be emphasised that unless quick progress on the Israeli-Syrian track was achieved soon, the successes Washington made along the Palestinian-Israeli track would be in jeopardy.

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour discussed the "lottery" announced by the United States embassy in Amman inviting people to submit applications for immigrant visas, and said this could be a trap. Mohammad Daoud said that the lottery programme could be designed to attract certain types of youth or skilled people to become incorporated in the American nation, benefiting the United States and depriving their original countries of their skill. The writer said that the Americans are trying to exploit the uneasy situation in many of the Third World countries, luring them to American, with keen interest in attracting talented youths from the Arab World whose own countries have spent a fortune on their training. With the departure of skilled and talented youth from the Third World countries, the developing world would be deprived of the means for development and progress, added the daily. The writer cautioned Jordanians to abort "Washington's plots" and urged the Arah regimes to offer talented and skilled people all facilities for creative work necessary for the Arah World's progress and development. By Youssef Azmeh Reuter

DUBAI - Military experts said on Tuesday that the stage in Yemen appeared set for a classical and prolonged war of attrition.

They said neither side in the Yemen war appeared able to score a decisive victory that would settle the conflict between the northern president and his southern opponents.

Both sides have claimed battlefield victories since fullscale fighting erupted last Wednesday but many of their claims bave been disproved by their own subsequent

The experts said, however, that one thing seemed certain

— President Ali Abdullah Salch had so far failed to conquer the southern stronghold of Aden to topple its defiant leaders led by Vice-President Ali Salem Al

Military experts said a northern push on Aden main-ly from bases in the south set up under a scheme to integrate the armed forces of the two halves of the country that merged in 1990 had been resisted fiercely.

They said reinforcements

Sanaa tried to send south to back up the offensive had largely failed to break through defences of southerners fighting against what they see as an annexation attempt by the more populous north.

To go sonth, northern troops would have had to go through rugged monntain passes that are easily block-

ed by opposing forces.
"We don't know exactly what happened, but it does seem that reinforcements from the north were not able to get through and isolated northern units in the south have not been able to reach Aden," one Western expert

Sanaa said on the first day of the fighting that forces loyal to Mr. Saleh were poised to take Aden within hours from what they called rebels seeking to split Yemen



Yemen seems set for war of attrition

again only four years after it fulfilled a 400 year-old dream of unity.

Every day since, it has claimed its forces were closer to the port city that was the former capital of South Ye-

On Monday northern commanders said their troops were within five km of Aden. They repeated the claim on Tuesday hut reports from the city said life was normal there, suggesting the attackers were not that close.

"Aden is very quiet still," said a Western visitor on

Southerners who argue that Mr. Saleh wants to turn the union into a personal fief say they have rolled back the northern advance and fighting is now centred on three fronts close to the former borders, the nearest being

some 100 km away. They say they too are keen to remain within a single Ye-men but would resist his bid to overthrow by force leaders who only last year won overwhelming victory in the country's first ever multi-party

Mr. Beidh's Yemen Socialist Party (YSP) swept all

rule by Mr. Beidh's Sovietand won one or two more in the north, coming second to Mr. Saleh's General People's Northern forces may also Congress (GPC) in the number of seats it holds in parlia-

The military experts said that the stage appeared set for a long and bloody con-

They said that northern armies which outnumber southerners by two-to-one in theory enjoy the upper hand, but they face better moti-vated and trained southerners drilled by years of iron style Yemen Socialist Par-

have to fight rearguard actions to defend their long lines of communication against heavily armed tribesmen that may have come to Mr. Beidh's aid because of their own grievances against Mr. Saleh, Yemeni sources

A senior American envoy touring the Gulf this week sounded a warning to Mr.

Robert Pelletreau, assis-

tant U.S. secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs, said the northerners appeared stalled in their advance.

What this indicates is that... if the fighting does not stop it's going to be prot-racted and very bloody," he

"There is not a military solution to the Yemen problem. It may be that after another brief period, when the leaders, particularly the northern leaders, realise there's not an easy victory, they will hear the words of the... world," he added.

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linton may compromise on China MFN

By Susan Cornwell Reuter

WASHINGTON - As the deadline for renewing China's trading status approaches, some analysts think U.S. President Bill Clinton will neither totally extend or reject Beijing's privileges but seek a comprom-

The question of whether to renew Most Favoured Nation (MFN) trading status for China on June 3 is an important one for the U.S. and Chinese economics as well as for the countries' relations far into the future — and for Mr. Chnton's political standing.

The U.S. president has been widely criticised for weakness in his foreign policy, with the Wall Street Journal declaring last week that he "speaks softly and carries

a twig."
If Mr. Clinton wants to counter that impression, he needs at least to appear to stick to his demands that China improve its human rights record in order to keep

its trading preferences.
"I think they (the administration) are hoping that the Chinese will take a few more baby steps, face-saving gestures, to enable them to make that recommendation" that Beijing's trading privileges he renewed, said Mike Jendrzejczyk, Washington director of Human Rights Watch/Asia.

'If they don't, then clearly Clinton will have no choice than to use a tool that partially revokes MFN, or other sanctions," Mr. Jendrzejczyk said. He said this might be "a compromise of tough talk and limited sanctions." MFN lets China pay the

lowest available tariffs on its exports to the United States. U.S. officials began to talk cautiously about the possibility of selectively withdrawing benefits from the Chinese in March, after a difficult trip to Beijing by Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

A senior U.S. official said compromise proposals were being studied, such as target-ing state enterprises while trying to spare China's fledgling private sector or raising tariffs on some commodities, but no decision had been

Robert Zoellick, a former undersecretary of state in the Bush administration, wrote in Monday's Washington Post that "the greatest dan-ger for the president now is that... the administration will muddle through with halfmeasures and cohbledtogether compromises," on MFN for China. He said Mr. Clinton should go ahead and renew Beijing's trading sta-

But some people on Capi-

tol Hill favour limited sanc-

"There is much interest here on the hill in targeting revocations toward products made by the Chinese military, and maybe a few other clearly state-run products" such as toys, said Representative Nancy Pelosi, Democrat of California.

"If the president says there is some progress on human rights, but not enough, and proposes targeted revocation, I think Congress would accept that," she said.

Congress had many argu-ments about providing MFN for China with former President Bush. Candidate Clinton criticised Bush in the 1992 campaign as kowtowing to Beijing by allowing MFN to continue in the face of serious human rights viola-

Congressional action last year was pre-empted by Mr. Clinton's executive order insisting China make overail significant progress on rights or risk losing MFN status on June 3, 1994.

But Beijing has continued to jail dissidents and deny free emigration, thus far failing to take enough steps even symbolic ones - to provide Mr. Clinton clear leeway to renew MFN.

Recently, Mr. Clinton has been sounding more ubpeat about MFN, saying last week that a few "last humps" had to be surmounted. U.S.. Trade Representative Mick-

ey Kantor said Monday that renewal is "achievable" for China in the time remaining. Congressional advocates of extending MFN say a partial revocation of China's trading privileges won't work. "That is no better than

(total) revocation," said Representative Robert Matsui, another California Democrat. "Our problem is you can't prevent the Chinese from retaliating, and we could end up in a trade war

Matsui said cancelling would be "massive un-" " " le action" that could har the U.S. economy too. Surfness sources say Chinese retalistion could cost some 1844000 U.S. jobs. But Mr. Matsui said Mr.

Clinton ws "dealt a had hand" on MFN from the time when Congress felt Mr. Bush was not tough enough on Beijing.

The real problem is that this kind of issue should not

drive the entire rela-tionship," Mr. Matsui said. He said he hoped the Chinese would now comply with the rights issues so both countries could "save face and strengthen our relationship," and that the United States would drop the linkage in the fu-

German presidential race looks good for Kohl's man

By Tom Heneghan

BONN - Germany's presidential race, an odd mix of polite public shadow-boxing and behind-the-scenes struggle, looks like it is shaping up into a victory for Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Kohl's candidate, Christian Democrat (CDU) Roman Herzog, seems increasingly confident as the May 23 vote nears, while his Social Demo-cratic (SPD) rival Johannes Rau shows signs of fading in the final stretch.

Most importantly, the Liheral Free Democrats (FDP), who will cast the deciding votes, are slowly coming into line with Mr. Kohl, with whom they want to continue their 111/2 year coalition government after the general election in October.

There are no public opin-ion polls to show who is up or down in the race for the presidency, a ceremonial post for which open campaigning is considered unseemly and statesman-like interviews are the main way to make one's ambition known.

The complex nature of the election, which will be decided by 1,324 delegates to a special electoral college in Berlin, also makes private vote-counting a bit tricky. But CDU party strategists

say the are sure Mr. Herzog will win. Comments from the SPD and FDP last week seemed to back that up.

"There are days when I think it's all over," the normally cheery Mr. Rau told Reuters in a candid moment during an interview.

By contrast, FDP Chair-man Klaus Kinkel, who is also Mr. Kohl's foreign minister and staunch supporter, sounds more confident than ever after seeing a rival who tried to rally liberals around Mr. Rau suffer an embarrassing setback within the party.

"I'll be running the show," he said when the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung asked who would decide how the FDP will swing in the crucial third round of the electoralcollege's vote.

Mr. Kinkel declined to say he would support Mr. Herzog, but he has already committed the FDP to four more years with Mr. Kohl so a vote against his presidential candidate would be strange inNaming the successor to Richard Von Weizsaecker, another CDU man who became the moral voice of the nation during his 10 years in office, would be an important boost for Mr. Kohl's party in this year's 19-poll election marathon.

The CDU has rebounded from poor showings in the two votes held so far and now looks set to overtake the SPD and its chancellor candidate Rudolf Scharping in the opin-

A Rau victory only five months before the Oct. 16 poll would be a surprise, recalling the shift of power to the SPD that the election of his father-in-law Gnstav Heinemann presaged before the 1969 general election that Willy Brandt won.

The race is fraught with complications, some of which could make it a cliff-hanger right down to the last round

of voting.

Mr. Herzog, the widely respected chief justice of Germany's Supreme Court, trails far behind North Rhine Westphalia state Premier Rau in popularity polls — but this does not matter since only the votes in the electoral

college count.
The small FDP has its own candidate, the veteran liberal Hildegard Hamm-Bruecher, but she is expected to bow out after two symbolic rounds of voting to allow Mr. Herzog

The FDP nominated her in anger after Mr. Kohl singlehandedly put forward the east German Steffen Heitmann as his choice last autumn. Mr. Heitmann dropped out after two months of . controversy over his archconservative views.

Although the idea of having an east German as president was widely debated. only the greens nominated one. Their candidate, civil rights activist Jens Reich, has no hope of winning.

Procedures for the presidential vote are complicated and leave room for last-minnte surprises.

The winner must garner 50 per cent of the vote in the first two rounds or a simple ! majority in the third and final

Mr. Herzog's CDU and Bavarian CSU sister party have 619 votes, just short of the 663 needed for an absolute majority, while the SPD in has only 502 deputies it can 1

Outside force in Rwanda could face great hostility

By Aidan Hartley Reuter

NAIROBI — The blood of foreign soldiers will run with that of thousands of Rwandans if an outside intervention force is sent to try to end the carnage raging in Rwan-da, African political analysts

Despairing at its inability to stop the slaughter in the Central African state, the United Nations proposed on Tuesday sending a new peacekeeping force of some 5,500 troops to support relief operations and protect civi-

But rebels and government soldiers have already made clear it will have a fight on its

hands. A U.N. Secretariat report sumbitted to the Security Council said the troops should be able to defend themselves before a ceasefire took hold but not take military action against feuding Rwandan armies, militias and

But the report failed to tackle the crucial issue of who would take part in any such force.
The West, scarred by its experience in Somalia, is reluctant to he involved in another African crisis. African countries, under U.S. pressure to take the lead, are worried about being sucked

regional conflict. Regional experts have little douht any such force would soon take casualties.
"It is a foregone conclu-

into a dangerous and costly

sion, the army is an indisciplined rabble and the rebels would see outsiders as the enemy," said one Nairohibased political expert. The rebel Rwanda Patrio-

tic Front (RPF), fearing outside intervention could deprive it of all-out victory it senses is in its grasp, says outside armies should only be involved if they intend to remove a "clique of killers" in power.
"We reject any interna-

tional peacekeeping force, be it U.N. or OAU (Organisation of African Unity). We feel it's too late for such a force when thousands of our people have already been killed," RPF military chief Major-General Paul Kagame told Reuters recently. The RPF says it launched

an offensive on April 8, two days after President Juvenal Habvarimana was killed in a rocket attack on his plane, to stop mass killings of people from the small Tutsi tribe and Hutu opposition party sup-

It says it wants to bring to justice the Hutu death squads and government troops who witnesses say have conducted the estimated 200,000 murders and the best way to stop further killings is to rout their foes on the battlefield.

"We believe those pushing for such a (intervention) force would like to deny the RPF outright victory," Mr. Kagame said. Barely one month after it

closed the door on its ill-fated mission in Somalia, the United States is set to become involved in another African

On Tuesday, it said it was sending 15 military flights to carry relief supplies to Rwanda refugees in Tanzania and

But this time Washington is adamant it will not get involved militarily and is pusbing African states to organise its own force either through the United Nations or the OAU. "American lives will not be

lost in some far-off African crisis. The U.S. wants other states to bear the casualties, but is under pressure to be seen to take the lead in trying to halt the killing," said one African analyst. The forces of the Rwandan

rump government have

already attacked the handful of U.N. "blue berets" still in the country. On Monday, a Ghanaian soldier guarding civilians sheltering at a sports stadium in a part of Kigali held by the

He sas the first U.N. soldier to die since 10 Belgians were disarmed, tortured and murdered by presidential guards on April 7 while guarding opposition Hutu Prime Minister Agathe Uwilingiyimana, who was also

RPF was killed by a mortar

By Waleed Sadi

THERE IS no human rights treaty that does not accord primacy to the right to life. This priority consideration of the right to life began with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 where Article 3 stipulates that everyone has right to life, liberty and security of persons." Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights echoed the same principle when it declared that "every human being has the inherent right to life, that "this right shall be protected by law" and that no one shall be arbitrarily deprived of life." The same sentiment about the priority of the right to life is repeated over and over again in practically all the other buman rights, instruments either expressly or by implication as indeed is the case in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultu-

Since this is the case and there is an international unanimity that the right to life comes ahead of all other rights, since without it there can be no possibility to enjoy them, I wonder why Jordan keeps on ignoring or brushing aside the right to life of the many girls and women who are murdered year in and year out in the name of "family honour." The case of Khawla, the 15-year-old girl who was shot to death by her brother a few days ago be-cause she was suspected of sexual wrong doing, brings to light this ominous phenomenon that has afflicted our society and other traditional societies in Arab and Islamic countries without causing as much as a ripple in

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In the case of Khawia, the father of the murdered girl instigated his son to take the life of his sister in cold blood on the strength of a mere telephone call that Khawla had an illicit relation with a

There was no uproar over the case of Khawla just as there was no outcry from either the public or the government when similar crimes were committed over the course of the past years. This suggests that there is a societal acceptance or state tolerance of this evil as necessary since "sexual honour" appears to supercede or preempt all other manifestations of "honour" in Islamic societies.

Even worse, there is an apparent judicial tolerance of such crimes as a recent criminal court decision would demonstrate. Last week the High Criminal Coun ruled that a father who killed his daughter to cleanse the family honour is guilty of manslaughter rather than murder and gave the father a mere six months jail sentence. There is a clear signal by the judiciary in the country that crimes committed in the name of family honour would be treated as mere manslaughter. Would-be killers in such situations are being served with judicial notice that the most that they can expect in terms of punishment is a re-

latively short jail sentence. The purpose of this writing is neither to defend extramarital sexual behaviour nor to promote it. The concern is to call for an immediate action by the government and the people of Jordan to stop this senseless slaughter of girls and women who could be also innocent of the charge arbitrarily levelled against them. Islam per se does not give the immediate family members of any girl or women the right to take her life simply because a father or brother thinks that she has engaged in a sexual wrongdoing. It would have been even less painful had any such girl or women been even given a "family trial," during

which she is accorded an

opportunity to defend herself

against wild accusations or

rumours. Even when a girl or woman is "proven" guilty, neither the Jordanian law nor the various international human rights conventions that Jordan has ratified would tolerate the kind of extrajudicial execution metted to them. This year alone 10 women lost their lives in the name of "family honour." No doubt the death toll in this category of crime will rise to many more before the end of 1994. So the cycle of violence against unsuspecting girls and women can be projected to

continue unabated simply be-

cause there is no counter

campaign by either the gov-

ernment or by the people. It appears that the government and the public treat this subject as a hot potato that it would rather not hear about. much less deal with head on. in a manner appropriate to the reputation of the Kingdom as a country well de-veloped and endowed when it comes to human rights and the rule of law. No such reaction appears to be in the cards judging by the length of the crisis and its perpetuation

seems to me that an initiative on the part of the leadership of the country is called for to stop this senseless killing. The government can no longer afford to treat this problem as if it is a benign issue better brushed under the carpet. We are treaty-obligated to protect the lives of every life in the country especially

the innocent ones. Life cannot continue to be taken away by arbitrary means in a country as developed and progressive as

We are well into the 21st century and it is high time that a national campaign be conducted against this categ-ory of erime that is a legacy of the dark era. The ongoing culture of tolerating "family honour" erimes has got to cease by replacing it with other antidotal measures that would satisfy the sense of family honour that Jordanians by and large feel they would wish to defend.

A national pact or social contract on this subject could also be initiated by human rights activists or groups of Jordanians concerned with the development of democracy. A national conference on this subject in which different levels of society could participate could also offer some viable panaceas that could offer Jordanians of all walks of life with an effective formula to deal with such social ills without resorting to summary execution on their own volition. Whatever the case may be, we need to embark on a national course to end the slaughter of our girls and women and at the same time

Yemen's Baidh: Former Maoist is adept at change

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Reuters

ADEN — Southern Yemeni leader Ali Salem Al Baidh is famed for chameleon-like political skills but must rely on the armed support of his disciplined followers in his bloody confrontation with President Ali Abdollah Saleb.

The Maoist-turned. moderate has long been called a "master of tactics" because of an ability to shift between camps at the right moment in a volatile country riven with assassinations, coups and military conflict.

But this month the Yemeni vice-president had to abandon political gamesmanship.

He called on the support of popular militias formed in the decades of Communist rule to repulse an armed assault by Mr. Saleb's northern forces on his southern stronghold of Aden.

Aden radio said tens of thousands, resentful at what they saw as a domineering north, had responded to the

Mr. Baidh's less numerous but bettet-trained troops were fighting a war for poli-

tical survival four years after he and Mr. Saleh united their countries in a marriage of

The southern leader is a star product of the Yemen Socialist Party (YSP), former Marxist South Yemen's cold war-era rulers. It ran the Arabian desert state ruthlessly for over 20 years in close alliance with the former Soviet Union.

He rose steadily within the ranks of the YSP, becoming YSP leader after a January 1986 inner party bloody conflict which ousted President Ali Nasser Mohammad. More than 10,000 people were killed including many

senior party members.
"He is very shrewd in taking sides, choosing the right time and picking up the winning side in every party con-flict," said one northern political figure.

Once a Maoist in the late 1960s and early 1970s, Mr. Baidh turned Marxist when the former Soviet Union started aiding South Yemen and wielding influence

among its leaders. Mr. Baidh made another major shift in the late 1980s

when democracy reforms began toppling similar totalita-rian regimes.

Mr. Baidh and bife-long friend and former South Yemen President Haidar Abu Bakr Al Attas turned into staunch advocates of a united Yemen based on multi-party rule and free market economy.

Mr. Baidh saw the union as South Yemen's way out of isolation after its Soviet ally began to collapse and its Communist friends across East Europe lost power.

"He has realised the true situation of the Yemen society, but only after a long and bitter experience," said a prominent south Yemeni ionmalist.

Unity was agreed in May 1990 and the YSP and Mr. Saleb's General People's Congress (GPC) jointly ruled the country through a threeyear transitional period that ended in April 1993 when the first multi-party general elec-tions were beld. The YSP won all seats in the south and

gained several in the north. The Islamists, who came third in the election race, joined the GPC and the YSP

in a coalition government. Born into a prominent family in 1939 in Hadhramant province in central South Yemen, Mr. Baidh studicelectrical engineering Cairo after graduatini Aden's technical insti

He graduated in 19 returning to Aden to bec defence minister in Nove ber 1967 in the first gove ment after South Yemi achieved independence for

Britain. He was sacked in returned as foreign when the radical lef of the party toppled ernment in 1969. Sinc he beld several min portfolios.

In 1980 be was sacked try the cabinet where be va deputy prime minister a ad demoted from YSP central committee member to candidate committee member 🎨 violating the progressi family law which restricted

bigamy. Mr. Baidh, with five sons from his first wife, married again in 1980 to Mnlki Abdullah Hassan, then member of parliament and leader of the Yemeni Women's Fed-

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Hariri ends strike but loses face

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fold reporters be would not be

On his plane to Damascus, Mr. Christopher said he intended visiting the Palestinian elf-governing enclave of fericho next week. His foray to the West Bank town will probably take place on Tuesday or

Israeli troops evacuated a 62-square-kilometre eoclave with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, leaving its Palestinian residents to estab-

lish a self-governing council. "I would expect to be meeting with the Palestinian leadership again on this trip, this time in Jericho," Mr. Christopber said. He noted that

"I look forward to meeting them in Jericbo," Mr. Christopher said. The visit is likely to be inter-

over the past decades. It

preted by some in Israel and elsewhere as another sign that the Palestinians are on their way to building a state in the Gaza Strip and Jericho. A senior U.S. official said:

'Our position on a Palestinian state has not changed. We do not support the establishment of a Palestinian state." He said Israel had not objected to the

The Palestinians bave of sovereignty, including their

own police. But Israel retains the right to protect Jewisb settlements and conduct joint military patrols and maintains shared control over border

present Jordanians with a just

and viable alternative.

The U.S. official said one purpose of the Jericho trip was to dramatise the fact that the Israeli-PLO accord was producing real change in the lives of Palestinians and they were assuming responsibility for their own affairs for the first

But it was crucial for the Palestinians to set up governing structures that worked and that satisfied aid donors

Christopher delivers Israeli response

able to supply much information this time either.

Wednesday, officials said.

accordance with a deal signed

"The rulers make the mis-

takes and the people pay the

price," Rafik Khouri wrote in

Christian conservative news-

paper Al Anwar. "Going back-

on a mistake is a virtue ... but

the important thing is that the

withdrawal be the last mis-

out a compromise between Mr. Hariri, Mr. Hrawi and Mr.

Berri before the prime minister

went to Damascus. All that

was needed to end the crisis

was to find a way for Mr.

Local mediators had worked

front-page editorial in the

Palestinian West Bank leaders whom he had frequently met in east Jerusalem on former trips, including Faisal Al Husseini and Saeb Erekat, had now Palestinian self-governing

meeting with Mr. Assad provided Mr. Hariri with a decent way out. They ruled out any major changes in the govern-ment for the time being but reported that a new cabinet

could be formed in coming weeks. Mr. Hariri also had telephone conversations with Mr. Hrawi and Mr. Berri aftet returning from Damascus, the first direct contact with both

leaders in a week, political sources said. Mr. Hrawi and Mr. Berri had demanded sweeping gov-ernment changes that could have weakened Mr. Hariri's

Hariri to return to work without losing face. Beirut newspapers said the

otthers from being sentenced to death at a "people's court" at the Cato Crest settlement,

post-apartheid euphoria since a new black majority govern-ment headed by ANC leader Nelson Mandela was sworn in following April 26-29 elec-

feared more trouble could fol-

worst single act of violence since the poll, was condemned

by the new power-sharing gov-ernment, whose president, Mr.

Other major political leaders, incloding his rival INkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, bave publicly urged peace and reconciliation as democracy

years which were blamed on third force" agents, formerly

Ten of the bodies were in an abandoned house in a "no-go area" of the divided township and two more were close to the

Gangs shooting it out in Bombay By Madhu Nainan bay courtroom. The authorines attribute

Agence France Presse

BOMBAY - The guns and knives are out as Bombay's ganglords battle for control of the lucrative drug and flesh trade in India's financial capital.

There has been a rash of mob-related slayings as the three most powerful gangs settle old scores and fight over the flourishing smug-gling, protection and extortion rackets.

In one widely reported incident, a gunman dressed as a lawyer whipped out a pistol from beoeath his gown and shot and wounded the brother of alleged mafia don Amar Naik outside a Bom-

the clashes to the decline of the man who was once the undisputed kingpin of the Bombay underworld, Dawood Ibrahim, the son of a policeman.

lbtahim reached the top of the local underworld more than a decade ago after a bloody gang war. Police ac-cuse him of running a vast criminal empire from his base m Dnbai.

Ibrahim's fortunes began to slide last year when the Bombay police fingered him as the mastermind behind the March 12, 1993 bombings here that left more than 300 people dead. A warrant is out

The British Bank of the Middle East

Ibrahim is accused of organising the bombings in retaliation for the ann-Muslim pogroms that rocked Bombay in December 1992 and January 1993 following the destruction of the Babri Mosque in the town of Ayodhya,

The police cracked down on Ibrahim's gold, silver and narcotics smuggling operations and arrested several members of his gang in connection with the March 1993 bombings. Other members of his gang bave been forced into hiding. With Ibrahim's eclipse, his

Hindu rivals Amar Naik and Arun Gawli began to muscle in on his operations. But they quickly turned on each other.

of carrying out the daring April 18 shooting of Ashwin Naik, Amar Naik's brother, outside a courtroom bere. Asbwin Naik was seriously wounded and his brother has been in biding since the attack.

Two days later, suspected Naik gunmen opened fire on Shankarrao Jadhav, a leader of a powerful union of textile workers, at a busy traffic roundabout.

Jadbav, who is believed to be close to the Gawli gang, escaped the attempt on his life, which the authorities believe was linked to an attempt by Bombay mobs to buy up land owned by textile mills.

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control over the cabinet. Gaza centre still under Israeli control

(Continued from page 1) four people who needed treatment for bullet wounds said they bad been in a taxi when

the shooting started.

The attack took place near the settlement of Morag where the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) claimed responsibility for seriously wounding an Israeli truck driver last

settlers prayed at a synagogue for the first time since Palestihian policemen were posted at meet after Mr. Kobs. the entrance. "1 didn't see any Arab policemen. They don't exist," said Rabbi Mordechai Rabino-

In Jericho, 30 armed Jewish

ins: Compan Steffer B vieb after filing past three Palestinians in olive-green uni-forms and carrying Kalashconservative thems the action of the conservative thems the idea of the conservation o nikov assault rifles. "I saw only our soldiers and they alone protect us..." said the rabbi, who runs the Jericho

only the reens and in the region of the recommendation of the region of Yeshiva, or religious studies The settlers too were armed. most with Uzi machine pistols, as they entered the building. eyes on the ground to avoid acknowledging the Palestinians who took control of their first autonomous enclave on Fri-

and leave form for Re The policemen looked at the "Jews' army escort, Colonel Erst the rounds of a seminated majority in the third and position of the control Aviezer, who is in charge of the area for Israel.
"It's authorised," he told

Mir. 19: 108 sold | Mir. 1 one of the men who opened the gates bearing the inscription Shalom Al Israel. Once inside, the rabbis disciples took their seats on benches and immediately started

Far-right Israeli deputy Hanan Porat of the National Religious Party accompanied the settlers, as did another rabbi, Eliezer Waldman, who played a leading role in the Jewish occupation of the West

Bank and Gaza Strip.

Meanwhile a Palestinian militant group is ready to ebange its tactics in the Gaza Strip to avoid conflict there with the newly arrived Palestinian police force, its leader was

quoted as saying on Sunday. Fathi Shuqaqi, general secretary of Islamic Jihad, said his group would work to bring down the PLO-Israel accord which offered only "ridiculous" powers to the self-rule

authority. But in an interview with Al Ouds newspaper, he said Jibad, a guerrilla group implacably opposed to Israel, was now rethinking its strategy and aimed to boost its presence as a political movement in the West

Bank and Gaza Strip. "Islamic Jihad will make every effort to avoid a clash (with the Palestinian police) even if it is forced to change its tactics in Gaza," Mr. Shuqaqi said.

He did not go into details. His statements were the latest sign Palestinian hardliners have been thrown off balance by the self-rule agreement signed in Cairo earlier this month. Hamas has welcomed Palestinian police even while urging them to behave well (see page 10).

6 more killed in South Africa

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near Durbana, the same day. The violence has broken a

Police spokeswoman Captain Janine Smith said police did not know who was to blame for Friday's massacre of 12 male children and adults but

The Tokoza massacre, the

Mandela, has pledged efforts to end the violence tearing South Africa apart.

takes hold in a divided nation. The Tokoza kilbnes of vicrims, aged between 13 and 25, were a throwback to a style of massacres during the apartheid

of police and security services.

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U.S. does not want declining dollar

Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said Sunday that a celing that Washington was content to see the dollar drop in value was a "misrepresenta-

"There was a misinterpretanot that we wanted to see the ik her go down," Mr. Bentsen interviewer on "Wall ournal Report" on vision CES

id the Clinton administranca "saw no valoe in under-

While the treasury secretary did not say outright that the administration opposed an increase in interest rates by the Federal Reserve (Fed), the nation's central bank, he told CBS it should be determined "by the market and underlying economic factors."

In answer to a question, he said that he felt short term interest rates would be upon one half per cent by the end of the year to four per cent. As far as the Federal Re-

serve's two receot quarter-

point rate increases, Mr. Bentsen said: "We have reached the point where it seems we have reached a point where no good (economic) numbers go unpunished.'

On Friday, Mr. Bentsen said he shared the Federal Reserve board's goal of promoting lowinflationary economic growth.

"Let me just say that Alan Greenspan and I share the goal of steady, well-grounded, low inflationary growth," Mr. Bentsen told the Business Council, a meeting of top busi-

In particular, he noted that Israeli firms bad little possibil-

ity of bidding for EU govern-ment contracts while German

and other European firms had

"I think that's what we have, and the Fed is just being cantions to make certain it stays

that way," he added. Financial markets have been on edge, anticipating more interest-rate rises by the U.S. central bank.

Mr. Bentsen acknowledged that long-term interest rates have moved up in the past few months. "But it's worth noting that what's behind rates is growth," he said.

fair terms of trade in an open European market," be said.

Israeli people to pay the price of peace without being able to point at the same time to the prospect of a positive economic development in regional cooperation with our Arab neighbours and internationally," he added.

Africa's future is bright, but

the road ahead remains fraught

In the EIU's quarterly risk

ratings, developing and inde-

bted countries are rated from

'A", the lowest risk, to "E"

with pitfalls."

the highest.

Rabin calls on EU to open up its markets

BO - - Israeli Prime Sim: : tzhak Rabin called opean Union (EU) to 5- , the Middle East peace of cess by opening up its economy to Israel, a German newspaper reported Sunday. Mr. Rabin said in an interview with the Die Welt daily that EU trade barriers pre-

vented Israeli firms from com-

peting fairly.
"Peace in the regioo must also provide economic advantages to Israel," the Israeli premier said in the interview due to be poblished Monday. 'We are not asking for membership, but we cannot tolerate the discrimination by the EU."

Mr. Rabin said Israel ran a trade deficit with the EU last

complete access to public orders in Israel. "We are not asking for preferential treatment or Euro-pean support. We just insist on

year of \$4.5 billion.

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EIU: S. Africa's creditworthiness to improve

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LONDON (R) - South Africa's creditworthiness is likely to improve steadily over the next six to twelve months as a result of the successfully staged first multi-racial elections, the Economist Intelligeoce Unit (EIU) said Monday.

In its latest country risk re-

(I.B.) programme.

view, South Africa's overall rating is expected to move to the top of the "C" category where it will have Greece. Egypt and Uruguay for com-

Currently, South Africa is rated at the same level as India, Hungary and Saudi Ara-

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needs to be done... and it would be foolish to underestimate the magnitude of the tasks facing the new govern-meot," said Andrew Astrow, the EIU's senior economist for sub-Saharan Africa. "South

The "A" category currently inclodes Singapore, Hong Kong and Spain while among the highest risk "E" category can be found Iraq. Yemen and Nicaragua

The EIU report says the South African elections form the basis for a viable and stable government.

"If a relatively peaceful multi-party political dispensa-tion can be established in the coming months," the report says, "it is entirely possible that South Africa could become the first B-rated country in sub-Saharan Africa."

The EIU's "B" category includes Indonesia, Australia

G.M. to build cars in India

NEW DELHI (R) - U.S. giant General Motors (G.M.) has announced plans to huild cars in India in a \$100 million joint venture with domestic producer Hindustan Motors. A joint statement said the plant would produce around 20,000 Astra models of the same kind made by G.M. subsidiaries in Europe. It said production was planned to start in the third quarter of 1995 at an existing Hindustan: Motors plant at Halol, near the city of Vadodara in the western state of Gujarat. The statement said the project would create 500 jobs and total investment was expected to be around \$100 million. It gave no details of the division of equity. The joint venture aimed at producing 70 per cent of the car's parts in India within three

Strife undermines Africa's pursuit of reform

NAIROBI (R) - Civil strife and social disorder are dampening prospects for the success of political and economic reforms in Africa, a top Africa, a top African banker

"Most countries in the African region are striving to reform their political systems and economic policies," said Wondwossen Kebede, chairman of the governors' board or the Eastern Southern Africa Trade and Development Bank (PTA Bank) Saturday.

The reforms aim at equitable investment growth and entrepreneurial development and rationalisation of banking systems as well as other instruments deemed appropriate for

enhanced economic growth," Mr. Wondwossen, and Ethiopian, told a meeting of the African Development Bank (AFDB) in Nairobi.

Civil strife in the region had. forced the 22-member PTA Bank to abandon construction of its \$8.3 million headquarters in Burendi's capital Bnjumbura and move its offices to Nairobi.

Burundi's coffee-based economy has been in ruins due to ethnic strife in the last seven months. Rwanda's ecocomy, also reliant on coffee, has ground to a balt after weeks of slaughter.

Seven of the PTA's members are affected by civil war. such as Sndan, Djibouti and Angola, or the effects of years of strife that have left nations such as Somalia and Mozambique in ruins.

Only the Indian Ocean islands of Manritins and Seychelles are described as prosperous. Tanzania, Comoros, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Madagascar, Uganda, Nami-bia, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe are regarded by bankers as stable.

Elsewhere in Africa, social upheaval or bad policies have hampered economic reform efforts in Liberia and a recent border dispute between Cameroon and Nigeria poses a new threat to stability.

March, prices to buy new apartments have tumbled 10

per cent, leaving many proper-

as bricks and mortar are a

cornerstone of wealth in Hong

owners in a nervous sweat,

Mr. Wondwossen said such uncertainty was of grave condo not know when such crisises will end, and it is worrying," he said.

Officials said part of the PTA Bank mandate was to push intra-regional trade to 20-25 per cent of total trade by the year 2000, from a marginal six per cent now, and to help raise \$50 million from donors to finance funding for PTA programmes.

They said that task remained huge in a PTA region of about 200 million people, in which at least a dozen countries were classified as least developed countries (LDCS).

Rents put the squeeze on Hong Kong tenants

HONG KONG (AFP) -Chan the juice-seller feels he is having every last pip squeezed out of him by the crazy Hong Kong property market.

He works from dawn until 2.00 a.m. the next morning to pay 36,015 Hong Kong dollars (\$4,620) a month for 10 square feet (0.9 sq. metres) in Cannon Street. He has just coough room to stand behind his tiny couoter, oamed Yiu Hiog

Rents in the Causeway Bay district, where Mr. Chan labours to draw profit from coconuts, kiwis, oranges, mangoes and melons, are already 50 per cent higher than in Tokyo and are the highest in the world, according to real-

estate valuers. Mr. Chan and his three staff need to press around 15,000 oranges a month to keep the

landlord happy.
His story is not unusual though. Another small businessman in the Wanchai district is said to pay 40,000 dollars for an eight-square-foot (0.8-sq-metre) patch.
Plancloads of new expatri-

ates arrive each week to find apartment reots have doubled in 18 months. An average 1,200 sq. feet (108-sq.-metre) flat now goes for 45,000 dollars

ABIDJAN (R) — Ivory Coast,

which before devaluation had_

some of the highest ntility

charges in the world, raised

water and electricity tariffs at

Government ministers,

blaming last January's 50 per

cent devaluation of the CFA

franc, announced the measures

on national television Saturday

night and said tariffs would rise

an average 15 per cent for

water and 19 per cent for elec-

They said low-income bouseholds — the majority of

consumers — would not be

affected. The increases would

mainly concern big domestic

consumers and industry, they

said, adding that the new

tariffs were lower than in most

of the other 12 members of the

CFA franc zone.

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Ivory Coast hikes utility

charges after devaluation

(\$5,800) a mooth. The Richard Ellis company expects rents to rise another 20 per cent in

Buying a bouse in the exclusive Peak district oo Hong Kong island is like climbing a financial Everest. Last week, 51 Plantatioo Road was sold for 267 million Hoog Koog dollars (\$34.25 million).

The 14,000 dollars per square foot paid by an uooamed development company was about twice the cost of a view over New York's Central Park from the Trump Tower. And the two-storey bouse

formerly used by a Shell oil company executive, is to be demolished. The company plans to put up five 70-milliondollar town bouses on the 40,000 sq. feet (3,600-sq.-metre) site, which in any case is shrouded in cloud for much of the year.

There is no shortage of people willing to pay the world's highest rents or stump up a fortune to own a house or apartment on the island.

But the wild Hong Kong property market is causing concern. Governor Chris Patten has promised a special package to dampen down overheated prices next month. Since he promised action in

Under existing rates, owners

of homes with swimming pools can easily pay 250,000 CFA per month (\$400) for electricity

but Ivorians living in small homes or flats pay 3,500 CFA

France's development agen-

cy, the Caisse Française de

Developpement, said last week

inflation in Ivory Coast since January was "about 25 per

Inflation for the rich and

expatriates is considerably

higher because they are more

dependent on imported goods

The government of Prime Minister Daniel Kahlan Dun-

can, which is seeking to restrict

salary increases this year to an

average 10 per cent, has been

shy of announcing regular and annualised inflation statistics.

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Kong. So far, rentals have shown no sign of following the downward path. Banks have restricted money for housing loans, and the gov-

ernment is to put new land on the market to ease shortages. Virginia Wai, a director for Vigers estate agents, said spe-culators are now "scrambling to find buyers."

Another semor manager for large real estate agents said Chinese owners were panicking. "They want to make profits while they can before 1997. They are scared."

She said a major event -Such as the United States refusing to recew China's mostfavoured-nation trading status — could spark a full-scale property collapse because of the repercussions for Hong Kong businesses.

"On the other hand, if the Chinese win MFN again it will give another huge boost to prices, especially rents," she

Mr. Patten admits that housing is the biggest concern for everyone in the territory. So much of Hong Kong's wealth is at stake that Mr. Patten's measures for the frantic property market will be watched as closely as his dealings with China over democracy.

"I think everyone recognises that while we want to damp down the market we don't want to do anything which under-mines the fundamentals of the property market," he said during a tour of a housing estate.

"So it is a difficult balance to strike but one which we are determined to get right," the governor explained, deeply aware that he is under the

If he falls, Mr. Patten - just like juice-seller Chan - will likely find a new squeeze on his fragile position.

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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY MAY 16, 1994 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The early morning brings all sorts of problems with new interests and individuals that hold you back from making the gains and progress you desire but the evening opens up a positive cycle for your benefit.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Take time for mediation early in the day and adopt the right phi-losophy for the future. Make this a worthwhile day for you and

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Study your relationship with friends and know where they fit best in your future plans. Catch fresh tomorrow.

up on your rest today and be GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Seek the company of influential persons who can be helpful in furthering your career. Devote evening to your loved ones and

have more harmony. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Plan how to advance with the assistance of important and clever individuals you know. Strive for happiness in your ev-

eryday life. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) A good time to make plans that could give you more abundance in the days ahead. Don't be taken in by doubtful persons who could be trouble.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Plan how to gain more

benefits from relationships you now have. Forget that easy chair and be more active and happy with some physical activity. LIBRA: (September 23 to Octo-

ber 22) A good day to come to a better understanding with family members. Plan how to show gratitude and increase harmony in your everyday life. SCORPIO: (October

November 21) Arrange to be with friends you truly like for the recreation you desire. Plan the week ahead so that it becomes more productive.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Make plans to improve your status io your line of endeavour. Take mate out tonight to charming places which

you both will enjoy. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to-

January 20) A good day to study whatever is spiritual and educational. Visit friends and relatives and express happiness to those who are very close to you. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Study new methods and ideas that can bring you greater income in the future. Make needed repairs to your property and make it in great

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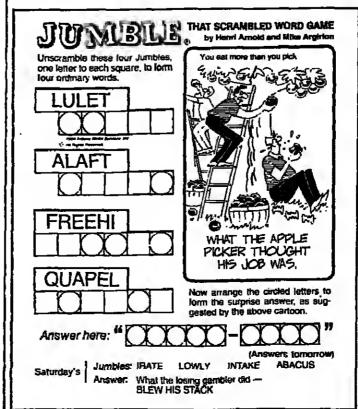


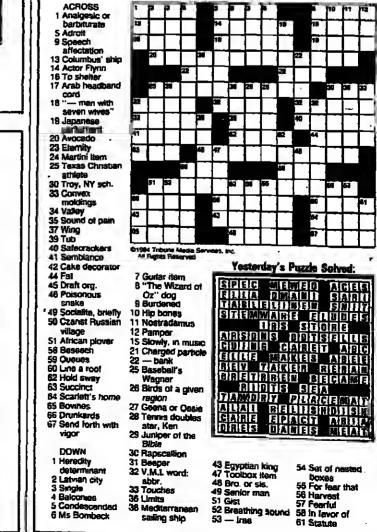
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Foreign Exchange Market Summary (May 9-May 13, 1994)

The dollar rose sharply against the yen and slightly against the much at the end of last week. It ended 2.45 per cent higher perfect the yea and 0.48 per cent higher against the mark. fileanwhile, it depreciated slightly against sterling.

The U.S. unit retreated against major European currencies Monday, while rising modestly against the yen. It retreated after the Fed failed to tighten its monetary policy, as was expected varlier, especially after the release of the U.S. Non-Farm Payroll Report showing a stunning rise in April at the end of the previous week. Market participants continued to await a probable increase in the Discount Rate during the Federal Open Market Committee meeting on May 17.

On the other hand, the Clinton administration expressed hope in finding a solution to resume trade talks with Japan before the next G-7 meeting in July, Meanwhile, the chief U.S. trade representative said that his administration might seek alternative ways to redress the U.S. trade imbalance with lapan, if trade talks did not achieve their intended objectives. The dollar rose sharply against other major currencies Tuesday, however, in view of a rise in U.S. bond prices. Bond prices rose on rumours that a number of central banks bought a substantial amount of U.S. Treasury securities. The dollar also appreciated on expectations that the Fed and the Bundesbank might coordinate their monetary policies, such that the 5rst would tighten while the later eased.

The expectations were underscored by a decline of 0.06 per cent in the German Repurchase Agreement Rate to become

The U.S. unit witnessed a relapse Wednesday, however, on a decine in U.S. bond prices. Bond prices retreated in view of low demand for the latest Treasury auction. The dollar lost ground despite a 0.50 per cent reduction in both the German Discount and Lombard rates, engineered by the Bundesbank, to become 4.50 per cent and 6.0 per cent respectively.

policy, in a coordinated effort with the Bundesbank, as was previously expected.

The dollar rose against the yen during trading hours, after U.S. Treasury Secretary declared that it was a misconception that the U.S. wanted a weak dollar. But, the dollar received later against the yen, after the positive effect of the Treasury Secretary's comments waned.

The dollar continued its retreat against major European currencies Thursday, while remaining stable against the yen. Reports indicated that the dollar rose during trading hours, on 2 rise in U.S. stock and bond prices. Stock and bond prices rose after the release of U.S. Producer Price and Retail Sales data showing inflation under control.

The U.S. unit rose against the mark and yen Friday, while stabilising against sterling. It rose against the yen after the U.S. trade representative said that his administration and Japan had agreed to discuss resuming their trade talks, which was hoped to take place before the next meeting of G-7 officials. Meanwhite, the U.S. Consumer Price Index showed a rise of 0.1 per cent in Aprit, indicating moderate inflation, which led to expectations of a rise of 0.25 per cent, instead of a 0.50 per cent, in the Federal Funds Rate, to be effected after the Federal Open Market Committee meets on Tuesday

The U.S. unit, thus ended the week at 1.6705 marks and 195,64 yen, while sterling ended it at \$1,4990.

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War set to worsen Yemen's economic problems

ABU DHABI (AFP) - Ye-men faces a bleak future with the civil war set to aggravate its already severe economic difficulties, diplomats said Satur-

The civil war broke out at a time when the country was already grappling with large debt and persistent deficits in its budget and balance of payments, one diplomat said.

"War in a country already suffering from severe economie problems is a disaster. It will only sap its limited resources and this will make it unable to stand again on its feet for a long ome," a Gutfbased diplomat said.

Large-scale funds will be

needed for post-war reconstruction and although yemen produces some oil, there is no sign that oil prices will improve in the near future.

Yemen produces around 335,000 barrels per day (b/d), including nearly 195,000 b/d from March in the north, but one third of output is consumed locally.

Since former North and South Yemen were merged in May 1990, Yemeni authorities have reported a large increase in oil production and reserves due to major discoveries in

They pledged to use the oil wealth to finance domesoe development and bring prosperity to one of the world's poorest nations.

But such dreams have not materialised and the economy took a downturn when Gulf countries suspended their aid following Yemen's perceived backing of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August 1990.

Some 700,000 Yemenis, who bad constituted a major source of hard currency for their country, were also expelled from Saudi Arabia during the Gulf crisis, pushing unemployment up to 36 per cent.

There have also been allegations that not all the oil revenues were finding their way into the state coffers.

A United Nations study has drawn a bleak picture of Yemen's economy saying debt has reached serious levels, deficits persist, unemployment is rising and the farming and industrial

The study by the economic and Social Commission for West Asia (ESCWA) estimated Yemen's debt at between \$7 to \$9 billion and the budget deficit at about \$800 million in 1993, nearly 83 per cent of revenues.

sector are running low.

"The Gulf war and its consequences dealt another blow to Yemen, inflicting losses of more than \$2 billion and causing the return of over 700,000

Yemenis," said the study, published Saturday by the United Arab Emirates semi-official newspaper Al Ittihad.

"This put another burden on the economy. Unemployment rose and remittances from expatriates abroad sharply declined, depriving Yemen of one of its main income sources which had helped it finance imports and development," it

With the population projected to grow from 12 million to 16 million in 2000, Yemen needs to boost revenues by up to 16 per cent annually to stop a deterioration in living stan-

dards, the report said. While to improve living standards, revenues needed to grow by between 21.8 and 26 per cent annually, it added.

It said the budget deficit had persisted because Yemen had failed to control spending while excessive banknotes issue sharply boosted prices and depressed the purchasing power of the national currency, the rival.

Another study by the Arab League showed Yemen's debt servicing exceeded \$100 mil-tion in 1992 while its balance of payments suffered from a deficit of \$664 million.

A decline in oil prices widened its trade balance gap to \$1.59 billion in 1992 from \$1.2 billion in 1991.

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ABU DHAB! (AFP) — Arab states, in angry reaction to oil tax proposals by industrial countries, argued Sunday that the axeswould not help to protect the environment.

Instead, they said, industrial countries should switch their attention to transferring antipoltution technology to developing nations.

In a study on the so-called carbon tax, the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) warned the measure could have counter-productive results.

The study, obtained here, coincided with a call from Qatari Oil Minister Abduttah Al Attiyya for retaliatory tariffs on imports from the European Union and other countries which enforce the

"It is a sort of revenue tax disguised in scientific names, Mr. Attiyya told the United Arab Emirates (UAE) semi-official newspaper Al Ittihad. "I do not mind dealing on a reciprocal basis with products coming to us from the industrial countries which impose the carbon tax."

Mr. Attiyya cited OPEC as saying the tax, to start with \$3 per barrel and rise to \$10 by the year 2000, would depress demand for OPEC oil by 1.9 million barrels per day (b/d) in 2000, and 2.5 million in 2010.

attacks from oil-producers on the tax, which the EU says is designed to protect the environment by containing the emission of carbon dioxide,

blamed for global warning. But oil-producers see the tax as just an additional source of revenue to tackle budget de-

ficits in industrial nations. The most bitter criocism has come from Gulf and other Arab producers as they hold more than 60 per cent of the world's crude, and oil sales account for the bulk of their exports. Imposing the carbon tax

will not necessarily achieve its stated objective of reducing the emission of carbon dioxide," said the Cairo-based OAPEC, which produces more than 25 per cent of the total

world crude output.
"It will only adversely affect world economic growth, depress the earnings of oilproducing states and push up prices of goods exported by

industrial countries. This will boost cash outflow from devetoping nations," it pointed

OAPEC, which groups Saudi Arabia with nine other key Arao oil-producers, said oil was already heavily taxed in the Organisation of Economic Cooperateion and Develop-ment and was fetching large funds for its governments.

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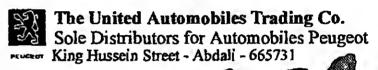
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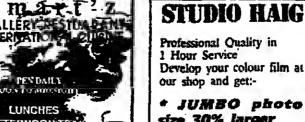
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Rwanda troops attack rebels in capital

NAIROBI (R) — Rwandan government forces launched attacks against rebel positions around Kigali early Sunday. blitzing the capital with mortar barrages and small arms fire, residents said.

Rebels of the Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) counter-attacked from hilltop positions surrounding the city and appear to have halted enemy advances near the airport to the east, and around the districts of Reubero and Kicukuro, the residents said.

"There is heavy fighting going on right now and I can hear small arms fire and mortar explosions," one resident told Reuters by phone from the embattled city.
The United Nations Assist-

ance Mission In Rwanda (UN-AMIR) said it had turned an aircraft heading for the airport back due to the fighting but boped a second flight would be able to land later in the day.

Kigali was calm Saturday, but fighting has generally been beavy in the city for the past week since RPF forces moved Blast kills soldier at N. Ireland post

BELFAST (R) — A soldier

was fatally wounded by an

explosion at a British army

checkpoint in a Northern Ire-

land village late Saturday.

A spokesman said the blast

occurred shortly before mid-

night at the vehicle checkpoint

closer to the key Kanombe government army barracks east of the airport runway.

The mainly Tutsi rebels have seized control of half the tiny country since launching an offensive after President Juvenal Habyarimana was killed in a rocket attack on his plane oo April 6, sparking mass killings of Tutsis and opposition Hutus.

Aid workers now estimate 500,000 people bave been killed, mostly the victims of radical Hutu death squads rather than casualties from the fighting between rebels and government forces.

Residents said government forces had been using civilians to dig trenches around the Kanombe complex, exposed to rebel artillery from Gasogi Hill to the north, evidently preparing for a ground assault by the RPF.

Government forces have been hit hard by the lack of supplies such as fuel rebels cut major roads to the east and north of the country in the last

wards, the first army death in

the province this year. The

cause of the explosion was not

Another man also on duty at

the post was unhurt but re-

ceived treatment for shock.

But travellers to eastern Zaire said the government was flying fresh weapons supplies into the town of Goma and bringing these into the northwestern Rwanda town of Gisenvi.

The U.N. reported beavy fighting taking place near the northern government-held garrison town of Ruhengeri and around Bugesera in the south.

The U.N. Security Council, which is expected to vote on sending a new peacekeeping force to Rwanda Tuesday, is also set to order an arms embargo on the warring par-

While the U.N. has reached broad agreement on sending about 5,500 African troops, members still bave to sort out a disagreement in which the U.S. wants troops to be deployed in horder areas whereas the U.N. says they should se-

cure Kigali airport first.
Some 450 UNAMIR personnel on the ground in Kigali have been in great peril — a

the area on Sunday morning. The death brought to 26 the

number of people killed this year in violence in Northern

The outlawed Irish Republi-

can Army, which draws its

support from a section of

Northern Ireland's 40 per cent

Roman Catholic community, is

fighting to end British rule in

the province. It faces resist-

ance from Protestant guer-

Ghanaian peacekeeper was killed by a mortar explosion last week - but Executive Director of the operation Abdul Kabia said: "We've been here this long and I think we can endure the limitations and dangers a few days more."

Mr. Kabia predicted an initial battalion of Ghanaian troops — deployment of the force is expected to take place in phases — could quickly secure the airport because both warring sides had agreed in principle to hand over the facil-

He added that UNAMIR commander Major-General Romeo Dallaire was still trying to get RPF military chief Major-General Paul Kagame and army Chief of Staff Major-General Augustin Bizimungu to agree to a ceasefire before any foreign troops arrived.

This is not an intervention

force to stop the war. We still want to rely on diplomatic efforts to stop the fighting but there are things we can do even if it goes on," Mr. Kabia said.

Blair is

to head

Labour

the next election.

favourite

Britain's

LONDON (R) — British vo-ters clearly back Tony Blair, a

young Oxford University-edu-

cated lawyer, to lead the main

opposition Labour Party into

Opinion polls in Sunday newspapers showed Mr. Blair had built a healthy lead in the

behind-the-scenes battle to

succeed John Smith, who died

Thursday from a heart attack.

ticulate and expected to appeal

to middle-class voters - is the

man feared most by the ruling

Conservatives. He stands on

the right of the Labour Party.

to lobby for the role of "prime minister in waiting" until Mr. Smith's funeral Friday.

Several Labour politicians

have called for a new leader to

be elected as soon as possible to

maintain the party's political

momentum ahead of the next

general election, due by mid-

Candidates have agreed not

Mr. Blair - telegenic, ar-

Bakih Muluzi, leader of the Malawi United idential runoff. Observers give Mr. Muluzi a chance to upset President Kamuzu Banda, ending his 30-year rule (AFP photo) Democratic Front (UDF) opposition party, waves to supporters campaigning for Tuesday's pres-

Malawians pray for peace ahead of poll

BLANTYRE, Malawi (R) -Millions of Malawians jammed churches Sunday to pray for peace as campaigning closed for elections likely to unseat President Kamuzu Banda, supreme ruler of the country for 30 years.

With campaigning for Tues-day's ballot officially closed, state radio devoted its Sunday morning programmes to prayers for a peaceful poll, Malawi's first pluralist elections since independence from Britain in 1964.

Local journalists said churches of all denominations across the central African nation of 9.7 million were full, with church leaders urging calm

and restraint. Political analysts say Mr. Banda, the iron-fisted ruler who brooked no opposition during his one-party rule of 30 years, was likely to be ousted from power by rebels who quit or were sacked from his Malawi Congress Party (MCP).

PHNOM PENH (R) - Khmer

Ronge guerrillas backed by

rockets and mortars launched a

big attack on the northwest

town of Mongkol Borey Suo-

day, and relief workers there said it may hearld a strike at

Field radio messages Sunday

between aid agencies in the

area, shown to Reuters, said a

key bridge crossing the Mong-

At least one group of rebels

covering the roundahout in

Mongkol Borey with small

arms fire," said a radio mes-

sage from the town early

Relief workers based in the

nearby Sisophon.

troyed.

sidents grouped under the United Democratic Front (UDF) of former convict Bakili Muluzi could be close. "Although there are no opinion polls in this country, I

But the analysts say the race

between the MCP and the dis-

think as many people do that the UDF is ahead, judging by the crowds it has been able to draw to its rallies," an African diplomat said. At his last rally Saturday,

Mr. Muluzi was triumphantly cheered by 60,000 supporters in Malawi's commercial capital of Blantyre, where he pre-dicted a landslide poll win for the UDF, a pro-democracy group launched only last year. Mr. Banda, believed to be in his 90s and unwell since he underwent brain surgery in South Africa last year, mustered only 5,000 people at national celebrations marking

his official birthday of 88. His MCP, which appears to have gained some lost ground

Rebels destroy key Cambodian bridge

town said the attackers struck

from the north and west in two

columns shortly after mid-

No details of casualties were

Mongkol Borey, about 300

kilometres oorthwest of

Phnom Penb, lies on the

strategic National Route 5 and

is a base for the British Halo

Trust De-mining Organisation.

of the Red Cross bospital in

the town is one of the best in

Cambodia, particularly in pro-

viding new limbs for mine vic-

One relief organisation

warned the attack on Mongkol

Borey could be a prelude to an

even bigger assault on the pro-

vincial capital Sisophon about

15 kilometres to the northwest.

(was) made as preliminary to

main attack against Sisophon

"(It is) likely that this attack

An International Committee

night.

given.

in the last weeks of campaigning, warned voters not to elect the UDF, saying this could plunge Malawi into darkness.
"The votes cast will determine whether we march for-ward into sunlight and a better future or slide backwards into darkness with those who would destroy our unity and deny us progress," said the Malawi

"Use your vote wisely. Vote for Kamuzn, vote for the MCP," it said in a special

edition published Saturday. The Malawi News named no names clearly pointed its guns at Mr. Muluzi, 51, who served a jail term in the 1960s for stealing state funds while he was an employee of the Ministry of Justice.

Two other opposition parties are contesting the polls in which 177 parliamentary seats and the presidency are at stake, but analysts give them little chance.

today or later tonight with aim

of isolating Sisophon and pre-

venting or delaying RCAF (Royal Cambodian Armed

Forces) ability to reinforce Sisophon," said the message.

manders have said they had

orders to capture the key

northwest towns of Sisophon

and Poipet. A once-bustling

frontier market, Poipet now

recent clashes between rebel

In the past two months,

security in the northwest has

deteriorated drastically after

400 Khmer Ronge pushed a

superior force of government

soldiers back to within 15

kilometres of the country's

second biggest city battam-

Most relief agencies have

withdrawn all but non-essential

staff from Battambang.

resembles a ghost town after

and government forces.

Khmer Rouge military com-

hernia News, organ of Mr. Banda's

PARIS (AFP) — French film hearthrob Alain Delon, 58, has

Cubans plan to reopen Slops

HAVANA (R) — Havana's famous Sloppy Joe's Bar is to reopen a quarter century after it closed, Cuban tourist offi-cials said Saturday. Sloppy Joe's was a must for Americans visiting Havana in the forties and fifties. A visit to the beauty celebrines was de rigeur non-celebrities flocked there to see them. It wasn't high classes Shapely prostitutes who looked like they were pour into their dresses hung ... there, and Sloppy Joe's cidn's serve fancy food but boasted one of the best sandwiches in town — inch-thick ham and cheese on rye. The bartende: 3. masters of the trade, prepared multi-coloured planters' punch and snow-white daiguiris. With the advent of the Cuban Revolution. Sloppy Joe's became an anachronism, and American and other foreign tourists disappeared after the United States cut links with Havana in 1960. The revolution had other priorities, and Sloppy Ice's was neglected and finally closed down. The big doors were shut but the long, single mahogany-top bar remained and so did the showcases full of photographs. There are still photos of some of its famous customers — the heavyweight boxing champ, Joe Louis, dashing Errol Flynn, alluring Ava Gradner, an adolescent-looking Frank Sinatra. Ale: Guinness's photo is there be-

goes multi-lingual

JOHANNESBURG (AFPI -Passengers travelling South African Airways (SAA) will face a barrage of greetings in a: least four languages, in keering with the new South Africa. the national carrier said in :

Reporting from the pro-vince, a BBC Radio corresponnear a police station in the village of Keady, south-west of dent said several families who Belfast near the border with lived nearby were moved out of their homes after the incithe Irish Republic. He said the soldier was badly dent and security forces would wounded and died soon afterconduct a security operation in

appeals against violence

Clinton

INDIANAPOLIS (R) — President Bill Clinton, recalling civil rights leaders Robert Ken-- nedy, Reverend Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela, worried Saturday about a fortress-like "freedom of the '90s" in the United States.

In his weekly radio address, delivered from Mount Helm Missionary Baptist Church, near where Mr. Kennedy announced the assas Rev. King in April 1968, Mr. Clinton told of a Washington D.C. housing project who banded together to keep drug dealers and gangs out with guards and a fence.

One resident called the solution "the freedom of the '90s," Mr. Clinton said.

While Mr. Clinton said he applanded the residents' refusal to be tyrannised, he added, "I wonder what it says about our country and our democracy when freedom has come to mean that we barricade our children from the outside world in order to protect them from harm, that we install floodlights and foot patrols in the backyards of our homes to feel secure.

"That isn't the kind of freedom our forefathers conceived of 200 years ago not the kind of freedom that Martin Luther King and Bobby Kennedy gave their lives for not the kind of freedom Nelson Mandela dreams of in a land newly introduced to democracy and looking to us for support," he

Noting the apcoming anniversaries of the D-Day allied invasion of Normandy and the Supreme Court's landmark civil rights decision Brown versus Board of Education which opened the way to desegregating schools, Mr. Clinton urged Americans to "find within ourselves the courage to overcome old animosities that get in freedom's

After the address, Mr. Clinton attended a groundbreaking ceremony near the church for a memorial to Mr. Kennedy and Rev. King. Some of the material in the memorial will be provided by melteddown guns surrendered in a programme sponsored by the Indiana Pacers pro basketball team.

Rev. King's sons, Dexter and Martin Luther King III, attended the ceremony, along with Senator Edward Kennedy, Ethel Kennedy, Irish Prime Minister Albert Reynolds and Ireland's ambassador to the United States Dermot Gallagher.

Mr. Clinton later addressed a Democratic Party fundraising huncheon where he decried the "shrill, nncivil, diversionary rhetoric" that he said too often characterises the national poli-

tical debate. He said it was especially evident in the bitter controversies over health care reform and banning assault

weapons

Taiwan continues China boycott, urges new talk

TAIPEI (R) - Taiwan said it would maintain its boycott on group tours to China after its fence-mending team failed to clarify doubts about the boat fire that killed 24 Taiwanese tourists there.

Yen Chin-Feng, vice chair-man of the cabiner's Main-land Affairs Council (MAC) which formulates policies toward China, told reporters a boycott on China tours and a suspension of bilateral exchanges would continue after the return of the fact-finding delegation.

Taiwan also repeated its request to hold a new round of talks with Beijing on safety for

The delegation, comprising forensic experts, retired police officers and relatives of Taiwanese victims, ended a one-week visit in China Saturday. It said it did not get swers to more than 200 questions about the March 31 deaths of the 24 Taiwanese on a pleasure boat on Qiandao Lake in China's coastal Zhe-

jiang province. "We were not there to handle the case, but neither were we with our eyes closed, listening to what mainland China claimed as the truth," delega-tion head Shi Hwei-Yow told reporters when the group re-turned to Taipei Saturday

"It's apparent that the main-

Senator: Crucial part of Clinton health reform dead

key Republican senator said Saturday that a crucial part of President Bill Clinton's health reform plan requiring em-ployers to pay most of their workers' health insurance will not pass Congress.

am afraid the mandate is dead," Senator Bob Packwood, an Oregon Republican, told reporters.

President Clinton had proposed the so-called employer mandate as a way to provide health care benefits for the 39 million Americans who lack

employers pay 80 per cent of the cost while workers pay the rest. Mr. Clinton threatened to veto any legislation that does not guarantee health benefits to all Americans.

small business, and members against the proposed mandate.

Some lawmakers have suggested requiring individuals to buy health insurance, but Sen. Packwood said that idea did not have enough support in Congress to be enacted either.

Congress is now drafting its version of Mr. Clinton's health care reform plan. All sides acknowledge that support from Republicans is essential in the Senate where they have enough votes to block any plan

they do not like. Republicans have been strongly opposed to elements of Mr. Clinton's plan, including employer mandates, and

and arrangements while we were there, but in fact there were still concealments and arbitrariness in the handling (of the case)," said Mr. Shi, deputy secretary-general of Taiwan's acgotiation body Straits Exchange Foundation

licate relations between the two sides, rivals since the Chinese civil war ended in 1949, to the lowest ebb since tensions began to ease in the

wounds and stop the pain.. but during the visit, we still found doubts and we hope the mainland will face those important doubts raised by the SEF delegation and further investigate into the case," said Mr. Yeh.

their views are likely to be

reflected in the bill that even-

tually emerges from the fi-

Republican member of the

Senate Finance Committee.

talked to reporters after speak-

ing about health reform behind

closed doors to the Business

Council, an elite group of

Senator Nancy Kassebaum

a Republican from Kansas who

also spoke to the executives in

this historic Virginia town, said

she thought it would be diffi-

cult for Congress to pass com-plex health reform legislation

before they break in the au-

tumn to campaign for November congressional elections.

ball at this point, I'd say we're

not going to get it," said Sen.

Senate Labour and Human

Resources Committee which is

set to begin drafting its version

of health legislation this week.

who also met with the execu-

tives this weekend, said they

are optimistic that reform leg-

islation will pass Congress this

"It may be very late in the

session, but there will be leg-

islation," Deputy Treasury

Secretary Roger Altman told

Robert Rubin, head of the

White House council to coor-

dinate economic policy, said

lawmakers will not want to

face voters without having pas-

sed health reform legislation.

House believes "the probabil-

ity is still good that we will get

legislation.

He said that the White

But administration officials,

"If I had to look at a crystal

ebaum, a member of the

corporate executives.

Sen. Packwood, the ranking

WILLIAMSBURG, Va (R) - A

"I support mandates, but I

Mr. Clinton proposed that

But the mandate issue has run into stiff opposition from of the National Federation of Independent Business have been lobbying lawmakers hard

land spent great manpower and materials on the reception

The deaths have pushed de-

China arrested three men for the arson attack and a fourth as an accomplice but Taiwan remains skeptical of the probe as its intelligence reports say a group of Chinese soldiers were involved in the attack. China has denied the allegations.

"We hope to heal the

Labour, which shed its imwas said to be occupying part age of a disunited party dominof the town but it was unclear if ated by trade union power they occupied the centre. under Mr. Smith, holds a 20-Mines were also laid around point lead over Prime Minister the bridge by the rebels. John Major's Conservatives in "Khmer Rouge troops still opinion polls after a series of bold approach roads and are

policy U-turns by the accidentprone ruling party. All surveys on the Labour leadership showed Mr. Blair as

the public's favourite. Thirty-two per cent of those ruestioned in a Mori poll pubished in the Sunday Times supported Mr. Blair, compared with 14 per cent who wanted Margaret Beckett.

Ms. Beckett, deputy leader under Mr. Smith, has taken charge of Labour until the leadership election, almost cer-

tainly in July. Polls in other newspapers showed Gordon Brown, Mr. Blair's friend and fellow rightwinger, or John Prescott, a left-winger expected to appeal to traditional Labour voters, in second place well behind Mr.

However, a poll in the Sunday Express of 150 trade unionists entitled to vote in the leadership election revealed Mr. Blair, the "shadow" interior minister, had double the support of Mr. Prescott.

Big blast rips through Georgia theatre

MOSCOW (Agencies) — A powerful blast ripped through a theatre in the Georgian capital Tbilisi Sunday and it seemed likely there bad been casualties, Interfax News Agency reported.

Interfax, quoting a Georgian Interior Ministry spokesman, said the blast in the Armenian drama theatre had been caused by "unidentified persons". Georgian, leader Eduard Sbevardnadze bad gone to the theatre, the agency said. It was not immediately possible to contact officials in Tbilisi to confirm the report

The former Soviet republic has been racked by unrest since gaining independence in

on governments.

commission's future work. Dr.

Klaus Topfer. Germany's

federal minister for the en-

vironment, nature conserva-

tion and nuclear safety, is ex-

pected to be elected chairman

of this year's commission ses-

Although the big push from

Rio bas slackened off, work to

put the Earth Summit's recom-

mendations into action has

been making steady progress

worldwide. Governments — as

well as businesses and interna-

tional agencies - have been

Government troops fought an unsuccessful year-long war against separatists in the breakaway Black Sea region of Abkhazia and last year only just managed to put down a rebellion by supporters of former President Zviad Gam-

Georgian and Abkhazian authorities signed an agreement Saturday on a ceasefire and deployment of an intervention force in the troubled separatist republic, the Russian Foreign Ministry said.

The accord, signed by both sides under mediation from Moscow, would "prevent the

resumption of military action and facilitate the return of (Georgian) refugees to their homes," the ITAR-TASS agency quoted the ministry as

The agency gave no other details on the mechanics of the accord, but sources close to the negotiations said disagreements remained over the future status of Abkhazia and conditions covering refugees, with the separatists only willing to accept the return of Georgians who took no part in the fighting.

The signing came a day after the Georgian parliament re-fused to ratify the accord.

U.N. meets to monitor Earth Summit agreements

NEW YORK (Agencies) -The U.N. Commission on Sustainable Development - the watchdog body set up to track progress after the Earth Summit — will get down to business here next week at its second annual session. From May 17 to 27, it will review government actions and examine innovative methods for funding sustainable development worldwide.

The 53-member commission will also look at patterns of energy production and consumption, and worldwide action on freshwater, health, human settlements, toxie chemicals and hazardous waste. Its overall mandate is to monitor implementation of Agenda 21, the global blueprint for sustainable_development adopted at the Earth Summit - the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development - held in Rio de

Janeiro, Brazil in 1992. "The commission will only be as good as the ability of governments to live up to their Rio commitments," stated Ambassador Razali Ismail of Malaysia, outgoing chairman

of the commission. "We must not let governments off the book. We need non-govtainable development, although some countries reemmental groups to ensure quire more financial and techthat those commitments are nical assistance than others to honoured." Over 100 non-govbring such change about. ernmental organisations

(NGOs) — mostly environment groups - are expected to ports from governments and attend the commission session U.N. agencies. Although most as observers to keep pressure countries have accepted the need to report in principle, just On May 26-27, a high-level 35 governments have submitmeeting — primarily of minis-ters of the environment and of ted reports this year. The commission is expected to streamline the reporting process. finance - is expected to provide the political leverage which many find too cumbernecessary to resolve outstanding issues and to guide the Underlying the U.N. agency

reports is the idea that for sustainable development to occur, radical changes in programme formulation and funding will be necessary. "A common understanding of sustainable development does not exist" among the agencies, states a report prepared by the World Health Organisation (WHO), Consequently there is a strong risk that the revolutionary changes called for by Agenda 21 will rapidly be lost

The U.N. Centre for Human

sensitised to the need for sus-Settlements (Habirat) notes that most agencies are continuing with established work priorities. The centre recommends that the commission consider financial incentives to In reviewing progress, the commission will consider rereward multi-agency programmes in support of Agenda 21. This would encourage interagency cooperation, joint programming and the pooling

> prevent duplication. Climate change and biodiversity conventions, the two legal agreements opened for signing in Rio, have both entered into force - an unprecedented pace for international law.

of resources, and would also

The Framework Convention on Climate Change, which aims to prevent global warning and climate change, became legally binding on March 21. 1994 and has been ratified by 71 countries. Developed country commitments under the treaty - and the effectiveness of efforts to limit greenhouse gas emissions - will be reviewed in March 1995 when the conference of parties, responsible for overseeing implementation of the convention, holds its first session in Berlin.

poetry professor LONDON (R) - War correspondent and columnist James Fenton was elected Oxford University's new professor of

TO KIND OF STREET

Journalist voted

new Oxford

poetry. Prof. Fenton, 45, currently a columnist for Britain's Independent newspaper, bea. three other candidates for the largely ceremonial post which bas been in existence for 300 years. The new professor succeeds Irish poet Seamus Heaney and follows in the footsteps of famous names such as Matthew Arnold, C. Day-Lewis, W.H. Auden and Robert Graves. The five year job carries an annual salary of £4,059 (\$6,079) but the duties are not beavy. The professor is expected to give three lectures a year, judge poetry competitions and make a speech herouring the university's benefactors. Prof. Fenton. 2 graduate of Oxford's Mcgdalen College and a runner-up

to Heaney in the 1984 election.

has been a war correspondent.

drama crinc and columnist. Ec

also worked on early lyric: for

the hit musical Les Misera : e. His poetry includes work ital

spired by the scenes witnessed

in his reporting. Alain Delon operated for

had an operation for a herric. his film producer friend Morbert Saada said Saturday. Deion, whose screen career 57273 more than three decades. starred in films including Is Paris Burning in 1965, and more recently "Un Amour De Swann" in 1984, He was cominted Tuesday after complaining of stomach pains.

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Joe's Bar

cause scenes from Our Man It: Havana were filmed in the bat σ . Now with the rise in international tourism, there are plans to renovate and reopen the

S. African Airways

statement Saturday. In the bad old days of apartheid South Africa, travellers on SAA were addressed in two language: Afrikaans first and then Eglish. From Saturday, four days after Nelson Mandel: inauguration as the country's first democratically-elected president, passengers will :-greeted in English first, then Afrikaans, then Zulu and Sotho. And on international flights "a greeting appropriate to the country of destination or origin" as well. SAA said in a statement. "It is important that SAA be accepted by its diverse passengers." SAA chief e wee. tive Mike Myburgh said in the statement. "We are excited ab. out the rebirth of a new South Africa and we must pligh ourselves with the evident change and with international acceptance now that we have become part of the world manket again." SAA was als: "Uzy scraping the old orange and white South African 129 off all its aircraft and replacing it with the new, predominantly black, green and gold care.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Rominger wins Tour of Spain

MADRID (R) — Switzerland's Toni Rominger won a record third consecutive Tour of Spain, fioishing ahead overall after the 3,568-kilometre 21-stage race which ended in Madrid Sunday. Spain's Mikel Zarrabeitia and Pedro Delgado were second and third overall respectively. The final 166 kilometre stage from Segovia was won by Laurent Jalabert of France.

Turtle streaks to victory

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DUBLIN (AFP) — Turtle Island swept to a convincing 15-length victory in the Irish 2,000 Guineas at the Curragh Sunday, just a week after being narrowly beaten in France's mile Classic. Settled in last place by John Reid, Turtle Island cruised up to the leaders two furlongs out. Guided Tour caught Ridgewood Ben for second on the line. Trainer Peter Chapple-Hyam said: "He didn't get the rub of the green in France and perhaps I had been too easy on him. 1 knew be would come oo for the race. But he is some horse - as good as I have ever trained.'

North Flight wins Tokyo race

TOKYO (AFP) - North Flight with Kouichi Tsunoda in the saddle led a Japanese one-two finish with Towa Darling to win the 1,600-metres (one mile) Yasuda Memorial race here Sunday. The four-year-old bay filly gut ahead in the final furlong and crossed the finishing line in one minute 33.2 seconds, two lengths and a half ahead of Towa Darling. French colt Dolphin Street, ridden by American Cash Asmus sen, came third followed by Japan's Sakura Bakushin in fourth on the rainy Tokyo Racecourse. Pre-race favourite Ski Paradise, the winner at the Keio Spring Cup three weeks ago, could not keep the momentum as the French filly finished fifth with top Japanese jockey Yutaka Take in the saddle.

Yoma stops British challenger

CAYENNE, French Guiana (AFP) - France's Jacobin Yoma kept his European Boxing Union super-featherweight title here Saturday night after stopping British challenger Neil Haddock in the seventh round. Haddock's corner threw in the towel after their man was comprehensively outpunched by the 28-year-old Frenchman fighting before his home crowd. The Englishman had also suffered badly from the stifling heat. Yoma was making the third defence of a title be won in June, 1993 with a points win here over Dutchman Regilio Tuur.

Rattanapol retains IBF title

BANGKOK (AFP) - Thailand's Rattanapol Sor Vorapin retained his International Boxing Federation (IBF) strawweight title Saturday after knocking out challenger Roger Espanola, Rattanapol floored the ninth-ranked Filipino in the sixth round of the scheduled 12-round bout in the central Thai province of Saraburi.

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You are beginning to master the
art of defense when you see the need to switch the attack to a particular suit. You have mastered it when you can select the correct card in the suit to lead!

North-South conducted a routine auction to what turned out to be a shaky game because of the wasted values in clubs. Make the king of clubs the king of hearts and the

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With nothing in the suction to act

as a guide. West chose to fire away with the ace of clubs. The sight of dummy made two things obvious: There was no future in a club continuation; and unless the defenders could score some tricks in a hurry, the contract would be easy, since the diamond suit offered a rich source of

It did not take a genius to work out that the only suit that offered prospects of tricks was bearts. So West shifted to the ace of hearts and continued with the jack in the hope of finding partner with the K 10. Declarer covered with the table's queen and the defenders were limit ed to two heart tricks and a club.

West's analysis was on the right track, but did not go far enough. The contract could be defeated if East held either the 10 or 9 of hearts West shifts to the jack of hearts at

Declarer must cover and East When a beart is returned, declarer's 10 is trapped by West's A 8. Down

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Schumacher captures **Monaco Grand Prix**

MONACO (AFP) - Getmany's Michael Schumachet swept to his fourth victory of the Formula One season Itere Sunday in a Monaco Grand Prix which was won and lost within the opening seconds.

Schuntacher, who has won every race this year, came home clear of Britain's Martin Brundle in the McLaren-Peugeot and Austrian veteran Gerhard Berget in the Fertari.

The race, still overshadowed by Furmula One's recent ttagedies, made a dramatic start when Damon Hill's Williams-Renault shunted into the back of the other McLaren, driven by Mika Hakkinen, forcing buth men out.

The low-speed accident came just after the green light as both men plunged into the first bend after Schumacher in the Benetton-Furd.

Drivers, afficials and motorsport fans had been praying for an accident-free race on this relatively slow street circuit, following Kail Wendlinger's crash here on Thursday which has left the Austrian in a deep coma.

The legendary race is also the first since Hill's teammate Ayriun Senna and Roland Ratzenherger were killed in crashes at the San Marmo

Grand Piry two weeks ago. Schumacher, now aimost certain to win this year's world championship, led from start to finish while the two Ferreris of Berger and Jean Alesi scrapped with Christian Fittipaldt in the Fantwork-Ford in the eatly

With so few opportunities to overtake on the winding streets of the Principality, the places tended to change only with pit-stops for refuelling or a retirentent with mechanical

Among those challengers to tall by the wayside were Btitain's Mark Blundell in the Tyrell-Yamaha and Brazilian Rithens Barrichello in the Jordan Hart. Blundell's bad lack was also

shared by Berger, whose car spun round after hitting a patch of oil left by the blown engine on the Englishman's Tyrell, costing him a second

By the halfway stage, Schumacher was half a minute clear at Brundle, with Berger third and Alesi fourth, Fittipaddi's charge ended with two thirds of the race gone when he retired, thereby bringing Barrichello's Ithium teammate Andrea de Cesans into the

Jazz take 3-0 lead; **Pacers pound Hawks**

DENVER (R) - The Utah Jazz, led by their brilliant backcourt duo, beat the Denver Nuggets 111-109 in overtime Saturday to take a commanding three games to none lead in their Western Conference semifinal series.

Jobn Stockton scored Utah's last six points in overtime and combined with fellow-guard Jeff Hornacek to score all but two of the Jazz total in the extra period.

In the Eastern Conference semifinals at Indianapolis, the top-seeded Atlanta Hawks were routed 101-81 by the Indiana Pacers, who took a twogames to one lead in their. Indiana rebounded from an

all-time NBA playoff low of 69 points in a loss to the Hawks in Atlanta Thursday. Centre Rik Smits led the way with 27 points, 18 in the first half. Hornacek led the Jazz with

27 points, including five in overtime. Stockton finished Utah within one win of reaching the conference finals for only the second time in franchise history.
"We're thinking 'next game'

now," said Stocktoo. "A sweep 1 don't know about. I don't care if we win by 20, by one, or by one-half. Denver won't give up. They are a hungry and talented team."
"I think Utah may be the

smartest team in the NBA," said Nuggets coach Dan Issel. "It takes them one trip down the floor to figure out adjustments. Stockton and Hornacek are so smart and they don't turn the ball over."

Hornacek's three-point jumper with 1:40 left in overtime gave Utah a 105-102 lead. After a basket by Denver's Laphonso Ellis, Stockton hit a jumper to restore the three-

point edge.
The Nuggets oulled within 107-106 when Mahmoud Abdul Rauf hit an off-balance shot with 42 seconds left. Stockton again bugged a jum-per with 30.2 seconds left.

Abdul Rauf answered with a basket five seconds later to bring Denver within a point yet again at 109-108. Stockton was fouled and

converted both free throws with 9.2 seconds left to make it 111-108. Denver's Rodney Rogers was fouled attempting a three-pointer with 4.8 seconds remaining. He hit the first free tbrow and intentionally missed the second but Denver grabbed the rebound. The Jazz forced the overtime

when Karl Malone bit a 22-foot jumper with 9.2 seconds left in ion to tie the game at 98-98. Malone, who fouled out in the final seconds of overtime, had 26 points and 13 rebounds. "You have to give Denver

an awful lot of credit," said Malone. "They played their butts off." The Nuggets had a chance to

win in the closing seconds of regulation, but Robert Pack missed a short jumper in the

Ellis scored 18 of bis 25 points in the fourth quarter and overtime to lead Denver. Abdul Rauf and Dikembe Mutombo had 20 points apiece for the Nuggets.



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Sampras crushes Becker in the Italian Open final ROME (R) — World number

The second secon

one Pete Sampras took the Italian Open title when he condemned triple Wimbledon champion Boris Becker to a humiliating 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 defeat Sunday.

Playing his first clay court toutnament of the season, Samoras took his winning streak to 27 matches as Becker's game came apart at the The German, who has never

be at his best if he were to deny Sampras a seventh title this year but consistently failed to land his first service in. Sampras, seeking to play his way into form on his least favourite surface abead of the French Open which begins

won a title on clay, needed to

He broke Becker again in the opening game of the second set and repeated the

trick in the seventh game of another set lasting little over half an hour.

Becker, shouting at himself in anger and frustration, lost his serve again in the first game of the final set and there was no way back on the hottest day in Rome this year.

Sampras's performance giving him only the second title of his career on clay - was ideal preparation for Roland Garros where he will seek to become the first man since Rod Laver in 1969 to win four successive Grand Slam titles.

"He was making mistakes left and right and I just tried to keep the ball in play," Sampras

"I struggled a little bit earlier in the week but now I feel May 23, gave Becker no reconfident going into the spite after racing into a 5-0 lead French Open. I feel pretty and taking the first set in 35 migood about my tennis," added Sampras with typical understatement after his win in one hour 52 minutes.

Becker, who enjoyed great

at the Foto Italico, was philosophical in defeat.

"I didn't expect to make the final in this tournament but with the fans' help I had one of my best clay court tournaments ever." he said.

"I'm only sorry that I didn't give you a better Sunday efter-

Becker will be wondering how he managed to land only just over one-third of his first services in after serving volleying so confiden all

it was his fourth clay court final and all have ended iff defeat. "I woke up this morning feeling tired. This ing feeling tired. This perhaps one match too many for me this week."

He will be consoled by a runners-up cheque for \$147,000 and enough ranking points to restore him to the top 10 for the first time singe

Werder, Auxerre win cup titles; Barcelona snatch Spanish league

FAVOURITES Werder Bremen lifted the German Cup here by beating second division side Rot-Weiss 3-1 Saturday in

Last year's Bundesliga champions, who finished a disappointing eighth this season, salvaged their campaign after forging 2-0 clear by the break through Dietmar Beiersdorfer (17th minute) and Austrian Andreas Herzog (38th).

Kiwi Wynton Rufer sealed the win with a penalty after Rott-Weiss had pulled a goal back after 50 minutes.

Bremen, the 1992 European Cup Winners' Cup holders, have reached the German final four times in five years and won the tropby in 1991, 30 years after their only other triumpb. Meanwhile, Auxerre, the lit-

tle Burgundy club which laun-ched Eric Cantona's career, won their first major trophy when they beat Montpellier 3-0 in the French Cup final Satur-Auxerre profited from two

Montpellier defensive blunders to score a goal early in each half from Algerian midfielder Moussa Saib and Gerald Baticle and wrapped things np with a late goal by Corentin Mar-

But the biggest cheer of the evening from the 45,000 crowd at the Parc des Princes was reserved for the news that Cantona had scored twice to give

Manchester United the English

(see separate story).

Both sets of fans have good reason to revere the French hero. Apart from starting his career with Auxerre, Cantona won the French Cup with Montpellier in 1990.

Montpellier, fielding a young side with seven players aged 23 or under and no survivors from the 1990 team, fought gamely but were no match for a well-drilled Auxerre outfit.

In Madrio, Deportivo Coruna missed a penalty a minute before the end of their last match of the season to hand a fourtb consecutive Spanish League championship to Bar. ceiona Saturday.

United finally earn their place in exclusive club

LONDON (R) - Manchester United joined the most exclusive club in British soccer Saturday, 37 years after having the door slammed in their face.

Graf wins

Berlin Open

BERLIN (AFP) - Steffi Graf

retained her German Open ti-

tle — her eight in nine years —

with a 7-6 (8'6) 6-4 victory over

It was Graf's 20th consecu-

Brenda Schultz here Sunday.

tive final since March 1993,

and her 16th victory - and

ample warning to her rivals a week before the French Open.

final of her career, and her

serve, the fastest in women's

tennis, forced several errors

But the world number one

seed was quicker ground court

and made less unforced errors.

er, during the first set, with

Schultz having the best chance

at 3-3 when she took Graf to

A backhand in the net and a

wide return let Graf off the

hook that time before Schultz

survived a similar scare at 6-5

with an ace to take early con-

trol in the following tiebreak.

pegged back to 4-4 before

Schultz missed a set point at

That gave Graf the chance to

produce a perfect backhand

return down the line to take

the set and she broke for a 2-1

lead in the second, a lead she

Graf teceived a cheque for

\$150,000, and 11th seeded

Schultz receiving \$60,000.

never lost.

6-5 by netting a backhand.

The Dutch girl's 3-0 lead was

She failed to break, howev-

For Schultz it was the biggest

Their 4-0 victory over Chelsea, in the Football Association (F.A.) Cup fical means they are only the sixth club ever to achieve the English cup and league double in the same season, and only the fourth one to do so this century. In less competitive days Pre-

ston won the league without losing a match and the cup without conceding a goal in 1889 and Aston Villa won both bonours in 1897.

Until Saturday only Tottenham Hotspur (1961), Arsenal (1971) and Liverpool (1986) had done the same this century:

But for an ill-fated challenge, Manchester United could well bave become the first 20th century double winners back in 1957. As Alex Ferguson's team

has done this season, manager Matt Bushy's "Busby babes" came to the cup final having wun a second successive league championship Just as this year, their opponents bad had an ordinary season finishing in mid-table. But Aston Villa prevented

Manchester United emulating their own ancient double achievement. The turning-point in the

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1957 final came after only six minutes when Villa's Irish In-ternational forward Peter McParland clattered into United's goalkeeper Ray Wood who fractured bis cheekbone. There were no substitutes in

those days and United centrehalf Jackie Blanchflower went in goal as Wood limped away. United held Villa for an hour but two second-balf goals from McParland swung the match Villa's way, a late consolation

from Tommy Taylor proving too little, too late for the cham-Nine months later six of the side that faced Villa - captain Roger Byrne, Eddie Colman, Duncan Edwards, Bill Who-

lan, Tommy Taylor and David Pegg — were killed in the Munich air crash. Club mates Mark Jones nad Geoff Bent also died and Blanchflower and Johnny Berry never played United never went close to

the double again until this season and indeed the generally accepted view in the late 1950s was that the demands of English soccer were too great for any side to win both major honours in the same season. In 1961 Tottenham proved everyone wrong. Ironially,

Spurs were inspired by skipper Danny Blanchflower, Jackie Blanchflower's brother. Blanchflower's guile and intelligence, coupled with Dave

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MacKay's aggression and John White's vision swept Tottenham to victory after victory in a record-breaking season.

They opened with a record run of 11 straight wins. They won 31 of their 42 matches including 16 away from home and scored 115 goals in the league which clinched as early as March 18.

More than three decades later they are still regarded as one of the finest English club sides of all time.

On the afternoon of May 6 1961 they beat Leicester Ciry 2-0 in a relatively disappointing final and ensured their place as the first double winners of the 20th century.

Many doubted the double

would ever be achieved again. But in that beaten Leicester team was a young man who would follow in Blanchflower's footsteps 10 years later.

Frank McLintock, who left Leicester for Arsenal in 1964, bad, by 1971, developed into a fine international defender and an inspiring leader.

But where their arch-rivals Tottenbam had swept imperiously to the double in 1961. Arsenal battled through matches, winning by a goal or two, showing grit and resilience, very different qualities from those that had taken

Spurs to glory. At the end of the 1970-71 league season they went to Tottenbam, of all places, needing a victory to win the title and did just that with a Ray Kennedy header two minutes from time. They pipped Leeds

for the title by a single point.

Five days later they came from behind to beat Liverpool 2-1 in the cup final with extratime goals from Eddie Kelly and Charlie George.



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Japanese don't

trust bureaucrats

TOKYO (R) - More than

balf the Japanese do not trust

their oation's once-hallowed

bureaucrats, saying they work for the interests of business or

their ministries rather than the

public, a survey published Sun-

day said. Thirty-two per cent of respondents to the survey— conducted last week by the Asahi Shimbuo— said they

thought bureaucrats worked on behalf of business, f5 per cent said they worked for politicians and 31 per cent said

they worked for the interests of their ministries. Ooly 14 per cent said they worked for the people. Seven per ceot said. they did oot trust bureaccrats

at all, while 44 per ceot did not trust them much. Just three per

cent said they trusted them a

lot, while 41 per ceot said they

trusted them to a certain ex-

tent. Hailed in the past as the. architects of Japan's post-war-"ecooomic miracle", bureauc-

rats bave been under attack

recently for allegedly hindering

development of oew businesses

through over-zealous regula-

tion. Io questions about the

image of boreaucrats, 28 per cent of respondeots said they were inflexible, 22 per ceot

said they bad a stroog desire

for promotion, 13 per cent

called them irresponsible and

eight per cent said they were

self-important. Only 2f per

cent assessed them positively,

saying they were able, commit-ted or "clean". Asahi ques-tioned 3,000 people natioo-wide aged 20 or older, and got replies from 2,407, or 80 per

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Gazans now face more bureaucracy

GAZA CITY, occupied Gaza Strip (AFP) - After years of struggling with the occupying army to obtain passes to enter Israel, Gazans learned Sunday they would now bave to go through the new Palestinian police first. "Requests will have to be made in our offices for our approval and then be handed on to the Israeli army for their approval," a senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official told AFP. Palestinians were not looking forward to the double procedure. "Before I used to call the military administration and an army patrol would accompany the Israeli lorry carrying gas bottles to my factory in Deir Al Balah," said factory owner Mobammad Al Tilbani. However, since Palestinian police took charge of the area last week the deliveries have had to stop. "So now f bave to go and fetch gas myself from Israel. But when f called the military administration. I was told from now on to go through military administration, I was told from now on to go through the Palestinian police. f made my request but they told me they were ton busy deploying policemen in different barracks and to come back tomorrow. I don't know how they will function in the future, all f know is that I have 85 workers who have nothing to do and a Muslim holiday starts on Saturday. If we don't work now, people will huy Israeli cakes and our economy will collapse."

Vehicles for Palestinian police reach Egypt

to Palestinian police to belp them maintain order in Gaza and Jericho arrived in Egypt on Sunday, officials said. They said the 176 vehicles were unloaded at Port Said from containers and handed over to Egyptian authorities, who will deliver them to the Palestinian police force. Palestinian officials in Cairo said the vehicles would be sent immediately to the self-rule areas of Gaza and Jericho, but their deployment had to be coordinated with the entry of Palestinian police arriving from bases in Yemen and Libya. Palestinian police have already assumed responsibility for law and order in the West Bank town of Jericho and are taking over io stages in the Gaza Strip. The United States airlifted the first batch of 24 vehicles last month to belp meet the immediate needs of the police force. The total U.S. donation comprises f00 pick-up trucks, 50 utility vehicles and 50 two-and-a-half tonne trucks. Another 56 vehicles donated by Greece are expected in Egypt within

Yasser Arafat to visit Norway

OSLO (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat will attend a ceremony on Wednesday honouring Norway for its role in brokering the historic Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) peace accord, the foreign ministry said oo Sunday. Israeli Televisioo reported that Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres would also attend the ceremony in Norway, hosted by the Carter-Menil Human Rights Foundation. On Wednesday the foundation, set up by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and Dominique de Menil, will unveil a sculpture

Libyans on camel-back join Mecca pilgrims

JEDDAH (AFP) - Some 400 Libyan Muslims have arrived on camel-back in Tabuk, northwest Saudi Arabia, for the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, the Organisations of the Islamic Conference said bere Sunday. The caravan of 350 camels was welcomed at the Saudi border by Tabuk leaders who helped to arrange the trip. The pilgrims decided to travel to Islam's boliest sites by camel to protest the U.N. air embargo on Libya imposed in April 1992 after Tripoli refused to hand over suspects in bombings of U.S. and French airliners. They left Libya in April and crossed through Egypt and Jordan before arriving in Saudi Arabia. From Tabuk, they left for Medina and Meson again by camel. Almost one million vilgrims from and Mecca, again by camel. Almost one million pilgrims from across the world have already arrived in Mecca for the pilgrimage, the highpoint of which will be on Friday when they climb Mount Arafat, the official Saudi agency SPA said Sunday. Last year more than two million people took part in

Mutual respect basis for stand on self-rule —Hamas

Mr. Ghosheh said Hamas

would not participate in leg-

islative elections tentantively

scheduled for October. "If we

don't accept the concept of

autonomy and the PNA we

can't accept the legitimacy of a

legislature elected to represent

such an authority," he said. The movement would, howev-

er, field candidates to municip-

al and union elections every-

where in Gaza, Jericho and the

rest of the occupied territories.

"We only reserve our right

While not explicity stating

Hamas' desire that the self-rule

experience should fail, Mr.

Ghosheb said: "We don't want

it to fail but it will because its

The Hamas spokesman

along with fellow Hamas offi-cial Mobammad Nazzal, had

his passport "kept for his own

security" hy the Jordaniao

Ministry of Interior after Israel

verbally attacked Jordan for

barbouring Hamas "terror-

On Sunday he said his move-

ment would continue armed

resistance until all of Palestine

is liberated from non-Muslim

But, according to Mr. Gbosbeh, Hamas "will not

continue to target Israeli civi-

lians as it did in attacks on

Israeli buses in Afula and

Hadira, following the Hebron

and Hadera were different

from the ones surrounding our

usual resistance against the

occupation. Israel bit our peo-

ple as they knelt for prayer.

They bad to feel the pain that

we felt, to know that this is

been soldiers or illegal settlers

and they will contioue to be

our primary targets," added

Mr. Gbosheh.

"Our targets have almost

wrong," Mr. Ghosheh said.

"The circumstance of Afula

base is unjust and weak."

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN -- The Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, has announced it will respect the authority of the Palestinian National Security Forces (PNSF) and the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) as long as the two bodies respect the rights and freedoms of groups which oppose the peace process, a leading spokesman of Hamas said Sunday.

"We will respect and show reasonable cooperation with the PNSF and the PNA provided that they respect the rights and freedoms of all Palestinians regardless of their political affiliation," Ibrahim Gbosbeb, the Jordan-based spokesman of Hamas, told the Jordan Times.

Hamas regards the PNSF as a Palestinian police force while it considers the PNA, still being formed by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, to be a Fateb-dominated group of

The police force represents all the Palestinians. Every policeman has a hrother or cousin who is Hamas, or belongs to one of the opposition groups. Thus this police force is 'ours' so to speak," said Mr. Ghosheb io an interview in his Abdali office.

Toning down rhetoric, M_{Γ} . Gbosheb said that Hamas members and supporters would continue to "fight" the Israeli occupatioo but "could" do so in the confines of popular resistance through "speeches and rallies," if "reasonable behaviour towards the Palestinian resistance by the Palestinian authorities" would create a positive atmosphere in Gaza and Jericho.

But the Jericho-Gaza first formola, in particular the Cairo agreement, said Mr. Ghosheh, is "bound for fai-

"One of the reasons we would not enter the PNA or the PNSF is because we don't want to be blamed for or be part of this experiment," said

King and Queen visit Jubilee School

Queeo Noor on Sunday visited the Jubilee School, as its first year was coming to a close, to congratulate the first class of

pioneering students.

The Jubilee School is an independent four-year, coeducational secondary school for outstanding scholarship students from rural and urban areas. The Jubilee School Project was announced in 1977 as a tribute to King Hussein's development efforts, especially in the field of education. In 1984. Queen Noor accepted a request by the prime minister to assume responsibility for the project, and in f985, when the Noor Al Hussein Foundation was established, the school became one of its priority pro-

The Jobilee School is dedicated to the development of the iotellect and leadership potential of Jordanian students with special emphasis on students from underprivileged areas of the country.
In the future, the school will

offer boarding facilities and it will be opened to outstanding

King sends

message

to Tunisia

AMMAN (J.T.) — Their Majesties Kiog Hussein and countries. The school helps set oational standards of excellence in education by providing its stodeots with a highly trained staff, modern laboratories, worksbops and classrooms, and career counselling and community service opportunities. The school's innovative educational approach encourages the students' active and creative iovolvement in all aspects of their education. Classes emphasise discussion and debate of social, political and global issues.

The school's Centre for Ex-

cellence in Education carries

out research, conducts public and private teacher training programmes and workshops, and produces educational material to help meet the oeeds of exceptional students in their regular classrooms. This centre cooperates with the Ministry of Education to transfer the Jubilee School experience to other schools in Jordan. ft is hoped that the school's graduating students will return to their local communities after further training or higher education to assume



Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor, accompanied by Prime Minister

Abdul Salam Majali, Sunday visit the Jubilee School (Petra photo)

leadership roles. King Hussein and Queen Noor also visited the school's computer laboratory and lib-

rary and science laboratory. Receiving the King and Queen were Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali, Senator Leila

Sharaf, Dr. Bassam Al Saket, Mrs. Nour Izzedioe and Dr. Fathi Jarwan, director of the

Britain says it always urged end to Aqaba siege

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Talal Sataan Al Hassan arurged its allies to end the inrived in Tunis on Sunday on a three-day official visit. Mr. Hassan will meet with

Tunisian President Zine Al Abiddine Ben Ali to coovey to him a written message from His Majesty King Hus-

Mr. Hassan said he will also meet with other Tunisian officials for talks,

AMMAN — Britain did not take part in the U.S.-led blockade of Aqaba and had always

spection of ships in the Gulf of Aqaha, James Watt, the charge d'affaires at the British embassy, said Sunday.
"My country bas always beeo pressing for the ban to be

lifted," Mr. Watt told a busi-On April 25, the United States said it bas accepted a Jordanian proposal on a new

land-based system for verifying compliance with the international sanctions, and His Majesty King Hussein said the Aqaba siege was being lifted, after meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christ-

opber io London. Mr. Christopher told reporters at a joint press conference with King Hussein that the U.S. had accepted the proposal to bave the London-based Lloyds Register verify Aqababound cargo once it is unloaded in the port instead of the sea-inspections, which have caused the Kingdom

The American decision was followed by a French anoouncement it was withdrawing from the international

forces inspecting the Aqaba-

enormoos economic losses.

hound sbipping.
The U.S. confirmation that the siege was being lifted came on May 9, when Wasbington officially informed Jordan of its acceptance of the Kingdom's proposal.

'We were never part of the inspection groups, and Britain never supported the inspection from the beginning," Mr. Watt

calling on politicians, business-

meo and intellectuals to

The committee consists of

the Jordanian Arab Ba'ath

Socialist Party, the Jordanians

Democratic Socialist Party, the

Jordanian People's Democra-

tic Party, the Jordanian Com-

munist Party, the Jordanian

Democratic Arab Party, the

Jordanian Democratie Popular

Unity Party, the Islamic Ac-

tioo Front and the Arab Ac-

tion Front. ft includes promin-

ent personalities as former De-

puty Leith Shbeilat, who is also

a founder of the Anti-Zionism

aod Anti-Racism Society,

Lawyer Hani Dahleb, and wri-

boycott Zionist institutions.

Addressing a group of bosiness people, Mr. Watt said the new process was a sign of optimism for the Jordaoian economy, adding that Jordan bas become a market which all industries are looking at.

"We are beginning to see some signs of hope after the peace process, and people are looking towards a bright future, making Jordan a very attractive market," he added.

Mr. Watt said Britain's poli-

cy was to encourage the Jordaman market, and to opeo up other markets in the region,

Japanese children flood bullying hotline

lying hotline" on its first day of. operatioo, complaining of started failing out because, Japan, slapped 33 students in lazy, the daily Yomiuri redamage to their eardrums, another boy was coocussed. teacher, 26 years old and male,

TOKYO (R) — Seveoty childreo called a Japanese "bul-

physical intimidation and psychological tormeot at school, the Japan Times reported Sunday. The botline was set up Saturday in Tokyo by a group of lawyers in re-spoose to an increase in bullying and barassment in schools, the newspaper said. A middle school secood year studeot, about 14 years old, phoned and said ber bair had wheo ber teacher divided the class into groups, ber group refused to accept ber. "If you are with us the average intelligeoce of the group will be low," they told her. One boy in his first year of high school: about f6 years old, said he bad paid a bully 50,000 yeo (oearly-\$500) under threat of violence. A girl in the sixth grade, with studeots about 12 years old, called from the northern island of Hokkaido to say that when sbe touched her desk, ber classmates told ber sbe had made it dirty. According to the Ministry of Education figures, there were over 23,000 incidents of bullying reported in Japan's state schools in the 1992 business year, up five per ceot over the previous year, the paper said. Separately, a teacher in Matsumoto, ceotral the third year of middle school — about 15 years old — about the face last week for being, ported Suoday. He injured fo of them. Two boys suffered and two hoys and five girls received cut mouths. The later visited the homes of the two boys with the beadmaster and apologised.

Hundreds of children marry in Indian state

NEW DELHI (R) - Several hundred children aged under seven were married in the corthern Indian state of Rajasthan in defiance of a law banniog child marriage, the Uo-ited News of India (UNI) said. UNI said bundreds of boys and girls Friday walked in traditional Hindu style around the fire to become busband and wife. The agency said the marriages in the state were performed on the day of a local Hindu festival despite a campaign by the authorities to stop the age-old practice. UNI quoted official sources as saving that the authorities prevented several child marriages after a strict vigil by the police and the district administration. The authorities this year issued full-page advertisements in newspapers waroiog people against child marriages but it did not have much effect, UNI said. The Rajasthao High Court had asked the police to take preventive action to check the illegal practice.

Poets and writers fight over possible 'normalisation' of Arab-Israeli relations

is being fought in Jordanian intellectual circles over the ramifications of making peace with Israel especially

tion" on Arab culture and calling on the public to fight

While many ootspoken Jordanian writers say that relations with Israel, particularly cultural ties, should not be 'normalised," even if and wben formal peace is achieved, the public at large is at a loss over what "norma-

not to run for posts directly related to the self-rule authority," said Mr. Ghosheb.
"Hopefully the failure of this experiment will lead the people back to the path of armed resistance, which is the only one with a chance for ultimate

as pro- or anti-cormalisation.

nent Zionist cultural invasion," those writers threw their weight behind what they regarded as the antinormalisation candidates.

was generally weak and fraghardliners to win their electioneering battles.

inent Arab writer and poet, Adonis, who is accused of promoting normalisation thinking, was invited to the upcoming Jerash Festival that a lively debate was sparked over whether opening channels of dialogue with Israeli intellectuals can be considered as normalisation or

According to Mr. Abo Gbarbieh, the committee's

Zionist establishment of rela-

"The committee will mainly

main objective will be based on two principles: "Confrontation of accords leading to normalisation of relations between Jordan and Israel, particularly calls for establishing a Jordaoian-Palestioiao-Israeli confederatioo, and enhancing coordination with all national, Islamic and Arab democratic The committee iotends to

promote its message to the public by issuing a publication to explain the "dangers of the Zionist eotity," bolding semi-nars, lectures and festivals, and

Sbbeilat's statement said. "It is a well-known fact that this poet is promoting normalisation with the Zionist enemy and had already met with Zionist writers in the cultural

Oo behalf of the Jordanian Engineers Association, Mr. Shbeilat, a former deputy and president of the newly founded Anti-Zionism Society, condemned the invitation and called on the organisers to take the appropriate mea-

Those writers rose to the dered as normalisation.

What is really considered

"For the sake of freedom of expression and creativity and not for the sake of defending Adonis," Taher Riad, a prominent poet, argued that the reasons listed by the unions' statements to boycott Adonis were mere allegations and cannot be considered as normalisation.

Mr. Riad called on Arab intellectuals to rise to the

save their efforts and start prepariog for the confrontation of the real normalisation ter Muwafaq Mahaddin (S.K.) which will involve the modification of the school curricula and media campaign that will follow?" he asked.

Another writer, Fakhri Saleb, also criticised the controversy over Adonis, but stressed the need to draw up effective cultural policies to confroot any Israeli cultural invasion against the Arabs. "ft is not possible that a

great Arab poet's name shoold be ignored just because be attended the Granada conference or any other conference," Mr. Saleh said. "If we were against normalisation then we should draw up a clear programme against it and discuss with Adonis and others bow to fortify the region against falling prey to the Israeli monstrousity.

Mr. Saleb weot on to criticise Arab intellectuals who are using cultural issues to advance their political agendas, saying this amounted to cultural terrorism that will bave its negative implications on the progress of the Arab countries as a wbole.

"This cultural terrorism societies and can lead to catastrophes," he warned. Although they projected

different analyses of the future cultural policies Arab countries should adopt, writers who share Mr. Saleh's viewpoint contended that the real ailment of Arab countries is the absence of clear and progressive Arab cultural

cultural policies," writer Ibrahim Absi said. "The elite and the intellectuals should be at the avant-garde of drafting national and progressive cultural policies that is solid in nature and can con-

front looming dangers." Nationalist writer Hayat Attiyeb said: "Not the Arab writers union and not all of the Arabs can stop cultural invasions...but each of us (writers) should form lobbying groups by themselves to upgrade the local performance in a way that would make us immune from these

Another writer, Laila Hmoud, said: "Normalisation cannot be achieved by a stroke of a peo or a decision: the people themselves are the ones to decide whether normalisation is a necessity or

The row among writers in Jordan natorally did oot escape the attention of Adonis who resides in Paris. The poet wrote an article refuting accusations against him. fn that article, Adonis sought to refute all the

accusations levelled against bim and scolded the Arab Writers Union by saying that he could not hold dialogue with "ignorance."
The London-based Al Hayat oewspaper published

Adonis's article together with a short speech that the poet made at the Granada meeting with fsraeli writers. In that speech Adonis poses a ques-tion to the Israelis: 'Will Israel give Judiasm a cultural dimension that would make it nt within its geographical environment?

Unlike Adonis and the rest of Jordanian writers, the Palestinian-Israeli novelist Emile Habibi, who won Israel's highest literary award in 1992, was the most forthcoming writer on his defence of normalisation.

Habibi, who until he accepted the Israeli award in 1992 was the darling of Arab intellectuals for his deep portrayal of Palestinian suffering in Israel, accused the Jordanian writers of wanting the Palestinians to continue to be the scapegoats of the conflict in the Middle East.

'The Arab psyche is wandering without a hero, a Palestinian bero." Habibi wrote. "The tragedy of Arab writers is that they found singing the praises of the Palestinian hero is easier for them than facing up to the real challenges."

NEWS IN BRIEF

PORT SAID (R) - Dozens of U.S. trucks and jeeps donated the oext few days.

dedicated to the Norwegian people and hand a cheque of \$100,000 to the Norwegian Institute of Applied Social Science.

on Arab culture and identity. Since the Madrid conference of October f99f and more recently the signiog of the Oslo accord in September f993, many writers, in anticipation of or in reaction to developments of the Arab-Israeli peace process, have been incessantly warning of the dangers of "normalisa-

lisation" means. For the "rejectionist" writers, normalisation, or the process of transforming confrootation with an enemy state into neighbourly ties, has become a key word to differentiate between a "pat-

riot" and a "traitor." During recent elections of professional unions and writers associations, daily and weekly columnists tried to influence the outcome of the polls by labelling candidates

Forewarning of an "immi-

The other side, those who believed in a just peace settlement with Israel were hardly saying a word. Their reaction to the campaigns mented, thus enabling the

But it was not until a prom-

In a statement issued last month, General Union of Arab Writers (GUAW) Pres- . ident Fakhri Kawar, a former Jordanian deputy, called on the organisers of the festival to reverse its decision to in-

Special to the Jordan Times 8 political parties join the fray

AMMAN - Eight political parties and prominent Jordaoian persocalities Sooday announced the formation of the "Popular Arab and Jordanian Committee for Resisting Sobmissioo and Normalisa-

depend on the support it can get from the public," promin-ent writer Bahjat Abu Gharbieh told a press conference held at the office of Islamic deputies. "If the committee were able to attract wide public support for its declared objectives, then the committee willbe able to ensure, for example, boycott of any Jordanian-

vite Adonis because of his "pro-normalisation" stand. 'Inviting Adonis to the Jerash Festival means supporting a poet who is contributing to the normalisation process," Mr. Kawar's state-ment said.

Mr. Kawar, a leftist who lost his bid for reelection to the Lower House of Parliament last November, asked writers and journalists to boycott Adonis on the ground that the Syrian poet, whose real name is Ali Ahmad Sa'eed, gave an interview to the enemy's newspapers, met with Israeli writers in Granada, Spain and had written an article in the Londonbased Al Quds newspaper in which he expressed his anger over U.S. procrastination io

launching a war against Iraq. (These acts) are in contradiction with Arab writers' efforts to combat cultural oormalisation with the enemy," the statement said.

At about the same time Mr. Kawar issued his call, the Jordanian Engineers Association (JEA) issued a similar statement condemniog the Jerash invitation to Adonis and described it as a provocative step against the public's feelings.

The JEA's statement

charged that the Adonis in-

vitation was a deliberate ac-

tioo taken to undermine what

the association's president,

Leith Shbeilat, saw as the

Jordanian public's rejection of normalisation. 'The original concept behind such a festival is to enhance and deepen cultural belonging that is in line with the natioo's principles and the homeland's dignity," Mr.

sures to cancel it. defence of Adonis argued that opening channels of dialogue with their Israeli counterparts should not be consi-

as cormalisation and is threatening the Arab culture and identity, they believe, is the modification of Jordanian school curricula that formal peace is widely expected to introduce into Arab countries' pedagogic systems. In a recent article entitled

confrontation of the real dangers that are threatening Arab culture and identity instead of wasting their time on issues of minor importance. "Why don't they (writers)

generates another cultural terrorism that will become an oppressive instrument on creativity which is dangerous to the development of the

"The real danger to the Arab spirit, personality and